

# DORSET PARENT CARER COUNCIL



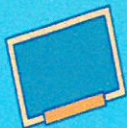
## 1 THE FORUMS WORK FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES

**FALSE** - Parent Carer Forums are independent. They work with the local authority, Clinical Commissioning Group (health) and other groups, but have working agreements to ensure they remain independent.



## 2 FORUMS DO NOT CAMPAIGN

**TRUE** - The role of the forum is to promote parent voice through participation and co-production. The forum acknowledges the important role that campaign groups have in helping to get parent voice heard. At the forum we are happy to work with campaign groups by providing information and feeding back issues they raise.



## 3 PARENT CARER FORUMS ONLY GO TO MEETINGS

**FALSE** - Parent Carer Forums run coffee mornings and events to allow opportunities for families to get together and feed back their experiences. The forum also provides information and training for families; this supports participation.



Dear SENCO

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely summer.

At the beginning of a new school year, DPCC would like to say 'hello' and remind you that we are here and keen to continue helping you to support families in your school who have children or young people with special educational needs or a disability.

Recently there has been some confusion about the role of DPCC, the parent carer forum in Dorset so to help we have created a 'myth-busting' infographic (left). We hope it makes things clearer!

Parent carer involvement (participation) is important - it can make a positive difference to lives. Participation & co-production is about parents and professionals working together and recognising each other's expert knowledge. By working in this way, they can design, develop and improve services for disabled children in the local area.

DPCC are members of the National Network of Parent Carer Forums and we are particularly proud this year to be celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We have recently made some changes to the way we work including how we communicate with DPCC members. From now on we will keep members informed using Mailchimp. We really need your help with this. Can you let ALL families in your setting who have children on SEN Support or with an EHC plan know about the changes we are making? Please encourage them to either re-join DPCC or become a new member using the link which can be found on the DPCC website, under the Information tab.

<http://www.dorsetparentcarercouncil.co.uk/information>

Thank you. We look forward to seeing you & meeting with parents in your school very soon.

Best Wishes

*DPCC Steering Group*