## EMPOWERING PARENTS EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

# The 'Being a Parent' Course

## What is EPEC?

Empowering Parents
Empowering Communities is a free, volunteer-led, evidence-based parenting programme





Each session is delivered by two Parent Group Leaders (PGLs) who have received 60 hours of training to deliver EPEC courses

Our sessions empower parents to share experiences, learn new skills and practice these alongside other parents

## Who is it suitable for?



Any parents or carers of children aged over 2 and under 12 years are welcome to join

Our course offers an early, lowlevel intervention, empowering parents to improve communication, behaviour management, family dynamics and parent-child relationships



Parents are supported and encouraged to try new parenting technquies each week and share the outcomes with other parents

### **Course Content**

#### **Welcome Week**

Getting to know each other

#### 1. Being a Parent

- Self Care
- Good enough vs Perfect Parent

#### 2. Feelings

 Expressing, acknowledging and accepting feelings

#### 3. Play

Child-led play

#### 4. Valuing my child

- Avoiding labels
- Descriptive praise

## 5. Understanding behaviour

Behaviour behind needs

## 6. Discipline strategies

- Setting boundaries
- Time outs
- Saying no

#### 7. Listening

- Reflective listening
- Open vs closed questions

#### 8. Review and Support

Reviewing content



## **Upcoming Courses**

We have an upcoming evening, virtual (via MS Teams)
Being a Parent course:

Every Monday evening from 7.30-9.30pm

Beginning on 9th January 2023 until 13th March

There will be no session in half term

To sign up, message alice.lavender@nottscc.gov.uk

What Next?

After completing the course you may want to train to become a volunteer Parent Group Leader yourself and deliver the 'Being a Parent' course to parents just like you!







