


### St Francis Family Centre

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St Francis Family Centre offers a variety of services including a nursery, After-School Club, toy library, health talks for parents, drop-in sessions for families, summer holidays and day trips as well as supporting parents through financial and emotional difficulties. The children and parents attending the Centre come from low income families, many living in substandard accommodation where economic and social pressure have resulted in family break up.


St Francis' plays a key role in the community. It offers parents and carers practical and effective help in withstanding the pressures on family life and children's development from the lack of green open spaces, high unemployment and the poor health levels that prevail in Tower Hamlets.

### St Mark's Stay and Play

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St Mark's Park Stay and Play in North Kensington offers parents a safe and welcoming toddler group with the space for children to run around freely and to play safely outside. St Mark's offers parents the opportunity to meet others and to relax away from home. The play area means children can learn and socialise together in a safe and welcoming environment.

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### **Adoption and After-Care**

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The Adoption and After Care Team works with adult adoptees, adopters and birth families who are seeking help, advice or counselling in relation to adoption or those who were formerly in our care. Using the sensitivity, skills and knowledge of the workers, and the records the Society holds the service helps adults adopted as children and former residents of our children's homes to achieve a greater understanding of their origins and reasons for separation.


### **School Counselling Service**

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The School Counselling Service has been providing counselling and play therapy to primary and secondary schools (both Catholic and non-Catholic) within the Westminster Diocese since 1986. In 2009 the service expanded to West London.

It delivers services to schools under service level agreements or in conjunction with local authorities using local and national funding streams, e.g. Extended School funding. We offer confidential and professional counselling and play therapy services to children and young people through a team of highly qualified, experienced and accredited staff. We also provide consultations to parents, teachers, head teachers and external agencies. The counsellors are based in school and see children and young people on a weekly basis for individual and/or group counselling.

### **West London School Counselling Team**

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### **St Vincent's Mediation and Family Service**

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St Vincent's Mediation and Family Service recognises the emotional impact that separation can have on couples and in particular children. The service can help to support families through the process of divorce and separation. Mediation supports couples to work cooperatively to make decisions about finance, property and child welfare. We offer subsidised and affordable fees. One example of the therapies offered are 'Parents Apart' courses, which focuses on the needs of children whose parents live apart, enabling couples to communicate effectively with each other and work towards positive outcomes for their child or children.

### **Bishop Harvey Family Service**

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Bishop Harvey Family Service has developed a special model of short-term intervention in response to a growing awareness of the need for greater support for children and young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties.

Bishop Harvey Family Service's treatment, which is unique among voluntary organisations, centres on prevention by dealing with problems before they get out of hand and supporting families through the process. This helps to overcome the obstacles posed by poor mental health or educational under achievement to children's full participation in society.