* Thank you to everyone who helped get the handbook to this stage!
* We are sorry it’s taken this long to release, what started as a simple re-write has changed into new section and a review of our guidance.
* This is not a finished product – it’s a **living document** that will keep evolving.
* You will notice missing photos – we are working on adding more. If you have photos to share please visit: [How to feedback](https://contact.org.uk/help-for-families/parent-carer-participation/parent-carer-forum-handbook/about-the-handbook/how-to-feedback/)

**Forum Involvement**

* 2023: Conference session to hear what forums wanted.
* 2023–2025: Advisers and associates helped rewrite first handbook and add content.
* 2025: Two focus groups with 12 forums and NNPCF.
* Last week: Drop-in sessions for final feedback with advisers and NNPCF.

**What’s Been Done**

* Built new content.
* Created a feedback system.
* Planned how to share updates and note these on the handbook so you can see when something has changed.
* Used focus group feedback to improve content.
* Ongoing review of guidance.

**Using the Handbook**

* You can browse from the **Home Page**: [Parent carer forum handbook](https://contact.org.uk/help-for-families/parent-carer-participation/parent-carer-forum-handbook/)

OR

* Use the **Contents Page** to find what you need – it’s at the bottom of every page: [Parent carer forum Handbook contents](https://contact.org.uk/help-for-families/parent-carer-participation/parent-carer-forum-handbook/about-the-handbook/parent-carer-forum-handbook-contents/)
* Extra links and information on each topic are at the bottom of pages.
* Pages marked **COMING SOON** are still being worked on.

**Feedback & Photos**

* Use the short feedback form to tell us what you think: [How to feedback](https://contact.org.uk/help-for-families/parent-carer-participation/parent-carer-forum-handbook/about-the-handbook/how-to-feedback/)
* Let us know about broken links, typos, or ideas for new content.

**User Group**

* We’re setting up a user group with 8 forum members in October and January.
* They’ll help review feedback and discuss any issues.
* Interested? Let me know Olivia.Newbolt@contact.org.uk