



Helping a family - your questions answered

In many areas of congregational life and witness we come across situations of practical need. The Presbyterian Children's Society offers a range of support to children and families who participate in the life or activities of Presbyterian congregations.

Can we help every family?

We help families with children from a wide range of circumstances including:

- death of a parent
- divorce or separation
- parental illness or disability
- a mother is single
- a parent is in hospital or prison



Does the family need to belong to our church?

- Families need to be under the pastoral care
 of the local congregation and within the
 Society's income limits (Families below
 average earnings or receiving benefits are
 likely to be eligible)
- Children must be under 23 years of age and in full time or part time education



Can we help with your Parent and Toddler Group or After-Schools Clubs?

Congregations can apply to the Society's Small Groups Grant Scheme for financial help for a recognised club or organisation e.g. Parent & Toddlers Group, After-Schools Club, Youth Club, etc. which supports children and young people in their congregation.

Is the application process easy?

- A telephone conversation can clarify what help might be available. An application for support is quick and easy, with forms easily downloaded from the Society's website: www.presbyterianchildrenssociety.org
- Your Minister must be happy to make the application and sign the application form

Can we help a family in other ways?

- Alongside the more regular, ongoing support, exceptional grants are available for situations of special need
- Families already receiving regular help from the Society are eligible to apply for an additional grant to pay for places on the PCI Family Holiday





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