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Dear Sir/Madam

The Children’s Society Central Team

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**Re: Face to Face – Isle of Wight**

The Children’s Society is happy to announce that they are working in partnership with Scope to deliver the Face 2 Face Befriending service on the Isle of Wight for the next year.

Face to Face is a service specifically for parents of children with support needs. The volunteer befrienders are all parents of disabled children themselves and can offer support that is tailor made to the needs of the client, either in the client’s home or at another suitable venue. All of the volunteer befrienders have a current DBS certificate, are fully trained and receive regular supervision and support from an experienced coordinator.

The volunteers also hold a monthly Drop-In for any parents of children with support needs:

**Venue: West Newport Children’s Centre, Wellington Road, Newport, PO30 5QT**

**Day/date: 2nd Monday of the month (term time only)**

**Time: 9.30am – 11.00 am**

If you are currently supporting parents who you think may benefit from this kind of service, please would you give them a leaflet; tell them about the drop-in; help them to complete a referral form or ask then to phone **01983 529312** so that we can put them in touch with a Face 2 Face volunteer.

Yours sincerely

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