

Dads' Space 1-2-1



Web-based Communication Support for Parents

Dads' Space 1-2-1 is a web-based communication support for parents, developed by Respect and Atticmedia, funded by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF). The website allows the parent and child to play games, exchange text/emails, e-cards, gifts and photos. The site is being developed so that children will also be able to design cards and background designs to put on their profile page.

Dads' Space 1-2-1 is used by parents who are either separated from their children or away from them due to work commitments perhaps abroad, offshore, or long working hours.

Many parents use the internet as their preferred channel for locating information and accessing parenting advice. Dads' Space 1-2-1 is an innovative service with international significance that provides children with autonomy over how they maintain their relationship with their parents.

Dads' Space 1-2-1 has been developed through wanting to find a way that:

- A. works for children – through providing them more autonomy over contact arrangements and because children are more familiar with the internet as a way of supporting social relationships.
- B. Dads' Space 1-2-1 is a secure on-line service where safety is priority, while still promoting father involvement.

Upcoming development of the service includes Mums' Space for mothers and their children; and Family Space to be used by Grandparents and siblings.

Dads' Space 1-2-1 is available to all families and depending on the family situation, there are separate ways of accessing the service. Further information about this process can be accessed from www.dads-space.com or by contacting the Lesley or Maxine at the dads-space team on info@dads-space.org or 0207 022 1854 / 1852.

