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dsdfamilies is a UK charity. We provide educational, practical and peer support to children, young people and families living with differences of sex development*.

*including Androgen Insensitivity, peno-scrotal Hypospadias, 5-Ard, Gonadal Dysgenesis (complete/partial/mixed), Ovotestes, 3-Beta, 17-Beta, SF1, Frasier and many others

family networks

From June 2020, dsdfamilies is coordinating two new welcoming Facebook groups to help families connect.

One group is for **parents of boys who were born with peno-scrotal hypospadias due to an underlying DSD.**

The other group is for **parents of girls with XY.**

Our objective is to make sure you are equipped to support your growing child - whatever his or her age. Parents often look for advice on talking to their children about how their body is developing, why they go and see doctors, or on how to walk the line between openness and privacy. All parents want to raise confident, happy and resilient young adults.

We want these groups to be your safe space to ask any question you may have. We hope it will become a space where you can learn, chat, meet other families, share your parenting successes and -over time- help support those who are a little behind you on the journey.

The groups are administrated by dsdfamilies trustee Jo, who lives with a DSD, is a mum and also an NHS healthcare professional. She will be the first person you connect with when requesting to join.

How to join?

Our FB groups are private FB groups. This means you can find the group by searching Facebook, but membership is private. You can join by searching for the title of the group:

Parents of boys with DSD & Peno-Scrotal Hypospadias
or you can go here:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/554187975258023>



Parents of XY girls

or you can go here:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/253702779304434>

If you don't use Facebook...

We understand that some parents don't have a FB account and/or don't wish to use Facebook.

You're very welcome to send us an email message via info@d sdfamilies.org and we can try to put you in touch with other families.

Do have a look at our website too.

websites and resources

Our website www.d sdfamilies.org has a lot of information for new parents and for those with growing children. Please have a look at our 'Timeline for Talking - ages 0-6; 7-10; 11-14;15+', 'What is DSD' and the Resources page where you will find 'Top Tips for Talking to children about Differences in Sex Development'.

The website was co-produced by Dr Julie Alderson, expert clinical psychologist and Ellie Magritte, a mother of a teenage daughter.

Our website for teens www.d sdteens.org has lots of information about puberty and addresses questions teens and adolescents have when growing up with DSD. The website is for growing kids (from age 10 onwards) and for their families.

This website was co-produced by a young woman living with AIS and Dr Nina Callens, expert clinical psychologist.

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Please keep an eye on our website regarding the planning of further Family Days.

With very best wishes from the dsdfamilies team and trustees

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