

The Disabled Children's Information and Advice Service (DCIAS) is provided by EnhanceAble, a local Kingston Charity in partnership with The Royal Borough of Kingston, Kingston Hospital Trust and The Kingston Primary Care Trust.

The DCIAS provides guidance and leaflets about:

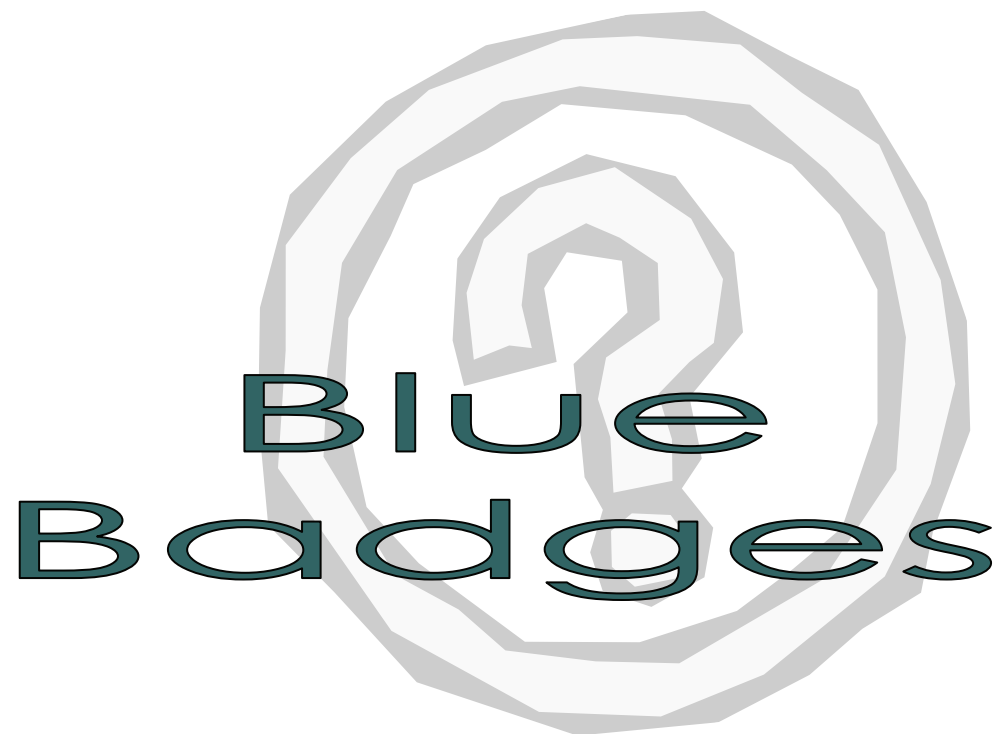
- ◇ Benefits
- ◇ Leisure
- ◇ Childcare
- ◇ Blue Badges
- ◇ Support Groups
- ◇ 'I-Count' Disabled Children's Register
- ◇ Parent Partnership Services

If you require help understanding this leaflet or any other further information please contact either Caroline Baxter or Patricia Farlow.

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Blue Badges

Parents and carers of disabled children may be able to apply for a Blue Badge for their child or young person if they are:

- ◇ 2 years of age or under and need to travel with bulky medical equipment or be close to a vehicle for emergency medical treatment
- ◇ Over 2 years of age and they receive the higher rate of the Mobility Component of Disability Living Allowance
- ◇ Registered blind
- ◇ Unable to walk or virtually unable to walk.

Blue Badges are **not** provided where a child or young person:

- ◇ Has a learning disability or mental health need, unless they cannot walk or have a lot of difficulty walking because of a permanent disability
- ◇ Has a temporary disability, e.g. if they are recovering from an operation or a broken limb.

What Concessions Does a Blue Badge Provide?

By displaying the Blue Badge when travelling with your child, you will be allowed to park:

- ◇ **Free of charge and for as long as you need** at parking meters or pay and display bays and where other people can only park for a limited time in; Kingston council car parks; controlled parking zone permit bays.
- ◇ **For up to three hours** on single or double yellow lines, depending on certain rules and restrictions
- ◇ **Free of charge** in designated parking bays for Blue Badge holders in the borough. In many of the bays, Blue Badge holders can park without time limit but in some a maximum stay of either two or three hours is allowed.

For further information on the criteria for obtaining a Blue Badge and the rules about parking as a Blue Badge holder, please contact the DCIAS.

How do I apply for a Blue Badge?

To obtain an application form, you can either contact:

- ◇ The DCIAS
- ◇ Community Care Services on 020 8547 6600, or
- ◇ Download an application form at: www.kingston.gov.uk/bluebadge

What Support can the DCIAS Offer?

- ◇ Guidance on whether your child or young person may be eligible to apply for a Blue Badge
- ◇ We can order the forms and assist you to complete them.

For national and local parking maps and links to useful documents and websites, go to www.kingston.gov.uk/bluebadge.

To obtain a hard copy of the 'London Blue Badge Parking Guide', which gives information about parking for blue badge holders throughout the Greater London area, please contact:

Community Care Services

T: 020 8547 6600

E: crescent@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

Applying for a Disabled Persons' Parking Bay Close to Your Home

The Council will consider applications for individual disabled persons' parking bays in residential areas. There are very strict criteria that have to be observed before a bay can be provided. Individual disabled persons parking bays are not normally provided within a controlled parking zone as blue badge holders can park close to their home without charge in any permit or shared use bay.

If you have any further questions please contact the Council's Parking Services at:

T: 020 8547 5911 or 020 8547 5907

E: parking.schemes@rbk.kingston.gov.uk