

# Women's engagement

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## NEWSFLASH

### New support for families

Today, Prime Minister David Cameron announced new services to give parents the support they need to do the best for their children. These will include:

- a new digital service for parents-to-be and new parents, providing regular emails and texts with timely information as their pregnancy develops and their child grows;
- free parenting classes to all parents of children aged five years and under in three trial areas;
- expert organisations to deliver relationship support for first time parents in four trial areas of the country from this summer

Read more [here](#).

Today's announcement follows a series of other measures outlined by the government this week to support families.

On Monday, in a speech to the National Association of Head Teachers, Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg pledged extra money for schools working with children from the most disadvantaged backgrounds. Read the [speech](#).

On Tuesday, Children's Minister Sarah Teather announced that parents are to get a new legal right to buy in specialist educational needs (SEN) and disabled care for their children. Read [more](#).

On Wednesday, Health Secretary Andrew Lansley announced more NHS support for women who have postnatal depression and women who have suffered a miscarriage, stillbirth or the death of a baby. The Government has also pledged to improve maternity care. Read [more](#).

### Launch of the Women's Business Council

On 2 May the Home Secretary, Theresa May, launched the Women's Business Council which will explore ways of maximising women's contribution to economic growth and unlocking their potential as leaders and entrepreneurs.

To find out more about the Council and the members, read [here](#).