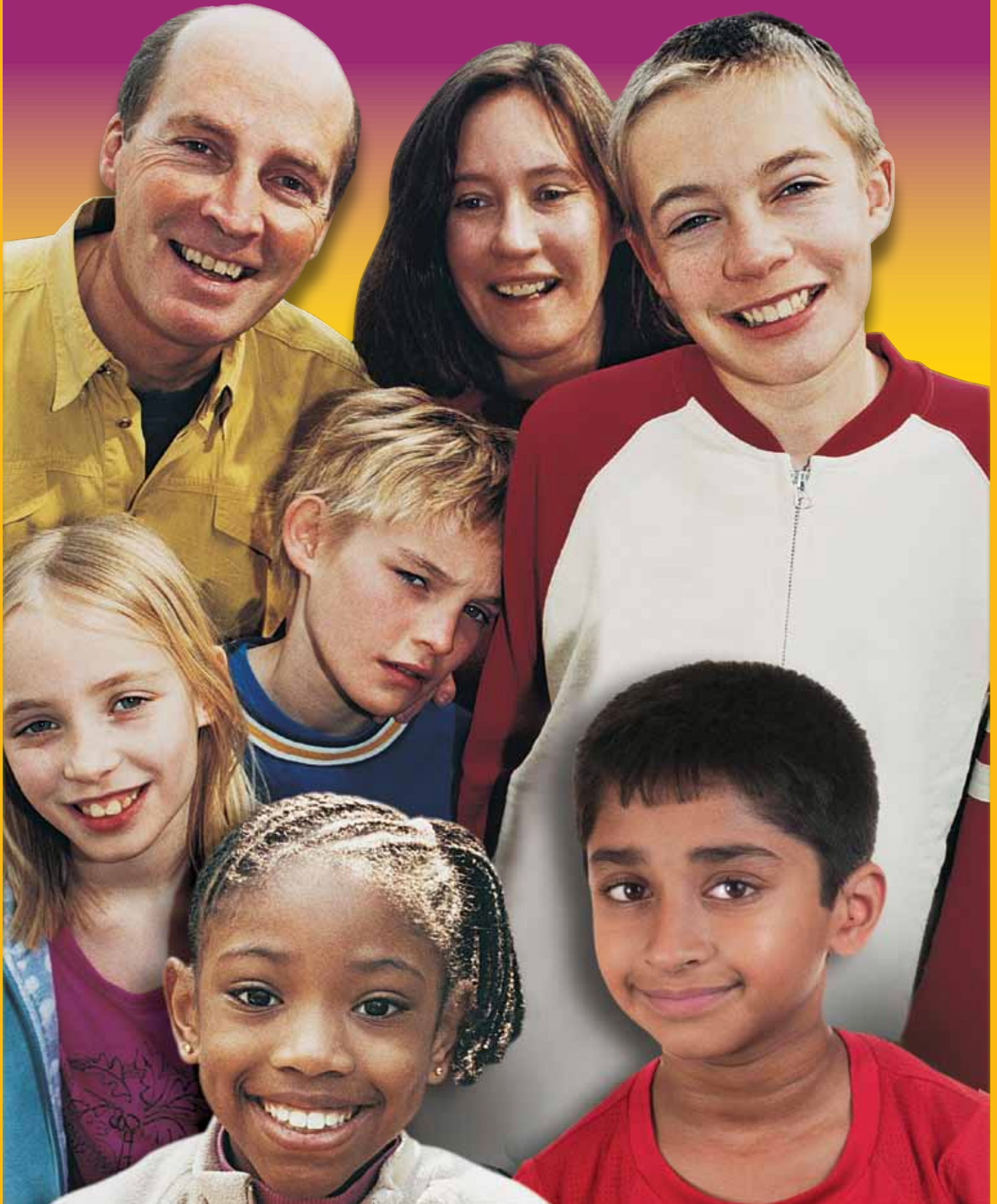


Do **you** have **concerns** about your **child?**

This leaflet is for parents who have concerns about their child's behaviour, communication, language or social development.



If you have **concerns** about your **child's development** you should **discuss** these with your **health visitor, GP, pre-school / school SENCo*, school nurse**

You may be concerned about any of the following:

How quickly your child is developing speech, language and communication skills. For example, if your child uses few words or sounds, use of words or sounds has declined, or makes few attempts to communicate.

How your child plays with you and others. For example, shows unusual obsessional behaviours, has difficulty joining in play and games with other children or with adults, has a limited range of play interests, play is repetitive, or follows the same routine.



How your child responds to noises, taste and touch. For example, is especially sensitive to particular sounds or textures.



How your child responds emotionally. For example, doesn't show or understand basic facial expressions, or respond to gestures or pointing.

How your child is eager to make friendships and interact with children, but misunderstands them and is misunderstood by them.

Parents can also get support and advice from:

Supportive Parents
Hop Skip Jump

 www.supportiveparents.org.uk
 www.hopskipjumpsouthwest.org.uk

 0117 989 7725
 0117 967 7282

*SENCo = Special Educational Needs Coordinator.

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