

When emotions explode

Last year and the start of 2021 has been extra stressful and, understandably emotions may be heightened at home. It's normal to feel frustrated, worried or angry about the situation, but it can be hard to know how to communicate in these very emotional or angry moments.

This poster aims to support parents when their child has angry feelings or outbursts and may help families start a conversation and talk about each other's feelings.

Very Angry

Stay calm.
Stay safe. walk
away if possible and
make sure you don't
engage with your
child until you are
both calm.

Frustrated

Reflect what you can see in your child. 'I can see that you're angry/upset' 'I understand that this might be difficult for you.' 'I understand when you did x this made you feel.'

Calm

Use this time to explore your concerns and ask questions like 'what happened there? How did you feel?' If there has been lots of conflict reassure them and remind them you still love and care about them.