

# WHAT DO WE DO AT SPF?



**WE SUPPORT  
ANYONE  
WITH A  
LOVED ONE  
IN PRISON**

**FOCUSING  
ON  
COURTS,  
PRISON &  
COMMUNITY**

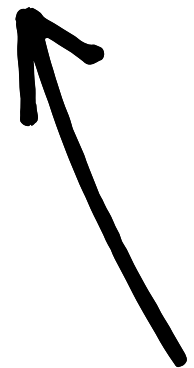
**OUR MISSION  
IS TO LISTEN CLOSELY  
TO FAMILIES, OFFER  
EMOTIONAL AND  
PRACTICAL SUPPORT  
AND PROVIDE A  
PLATFORM FOR THEIR  
VOICE.**

***“(SPF) HAS BEEN INVALUABLE IN LEARNING HOW TO MANOEUVRE THROUGH THE SYSTEM”***

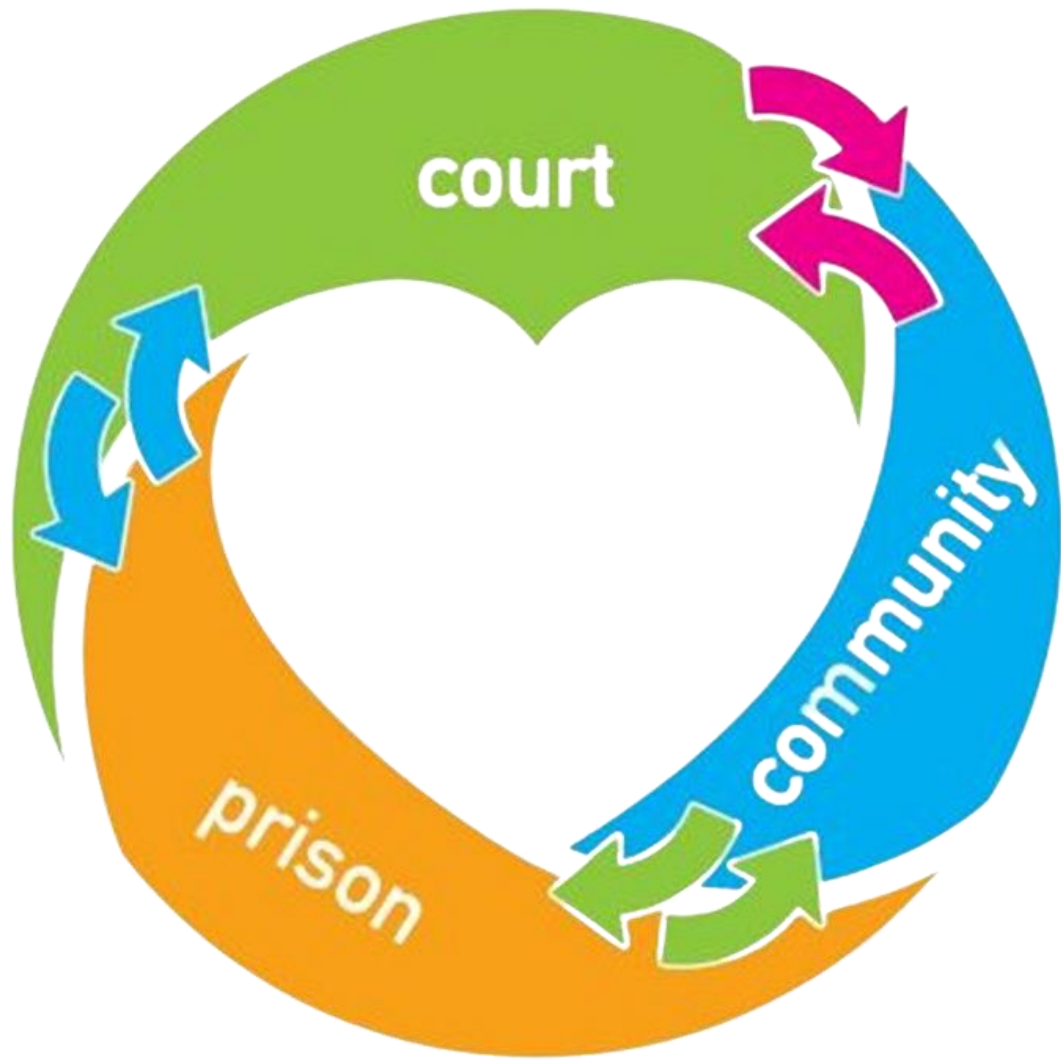
# ON THE FRONT LINE

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

ADULT SERVICES



CHILDRENS SERVICES



## **COURTS**

**COURTS CAN BE INTIMIDATING AND THE PROCESS OFTEN UNCLEAR- ESPECIALLY FOR FIRST TIME OFFENDERS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**WE PROVIDE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT AND PRACTICAL ADVICE TO DEFENDANTS' FAMILIES AND FRIENDS THROUGH TRIAL AND SENTENCE IN THE SUSSEX CRIMINAL COURTS**

**WE HAVE AN IN-DEPTH UNDERSTANDING OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND ARE ABLE TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS TOO**

## **COMMUNITY**

**OUR SUPPORT GROUPS RUN ONCE A MONTH ALL ACROSS SUSSEX, ENABLING PEOPLE TO TALK TO OTHERS GOING THROUGH THE SAME THING AND OUR SUPPORT WORKERS ARE THERE TO FACILITATE AND ANSWER QUESTIONS TOO.**

**“IT’S GREAT BEING WITH PEOPLE WHO REALLY KNOW WHAT YOU ARE GOING THROUGH. IT WAS SUCH A RELIEF”**

**WE PROVIDE A FIRST STOP TELEPHONE ADVICE LINE, ONE TO ONE OUTREACH SUPPORT, COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUPS AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES.**

# **PRISON**

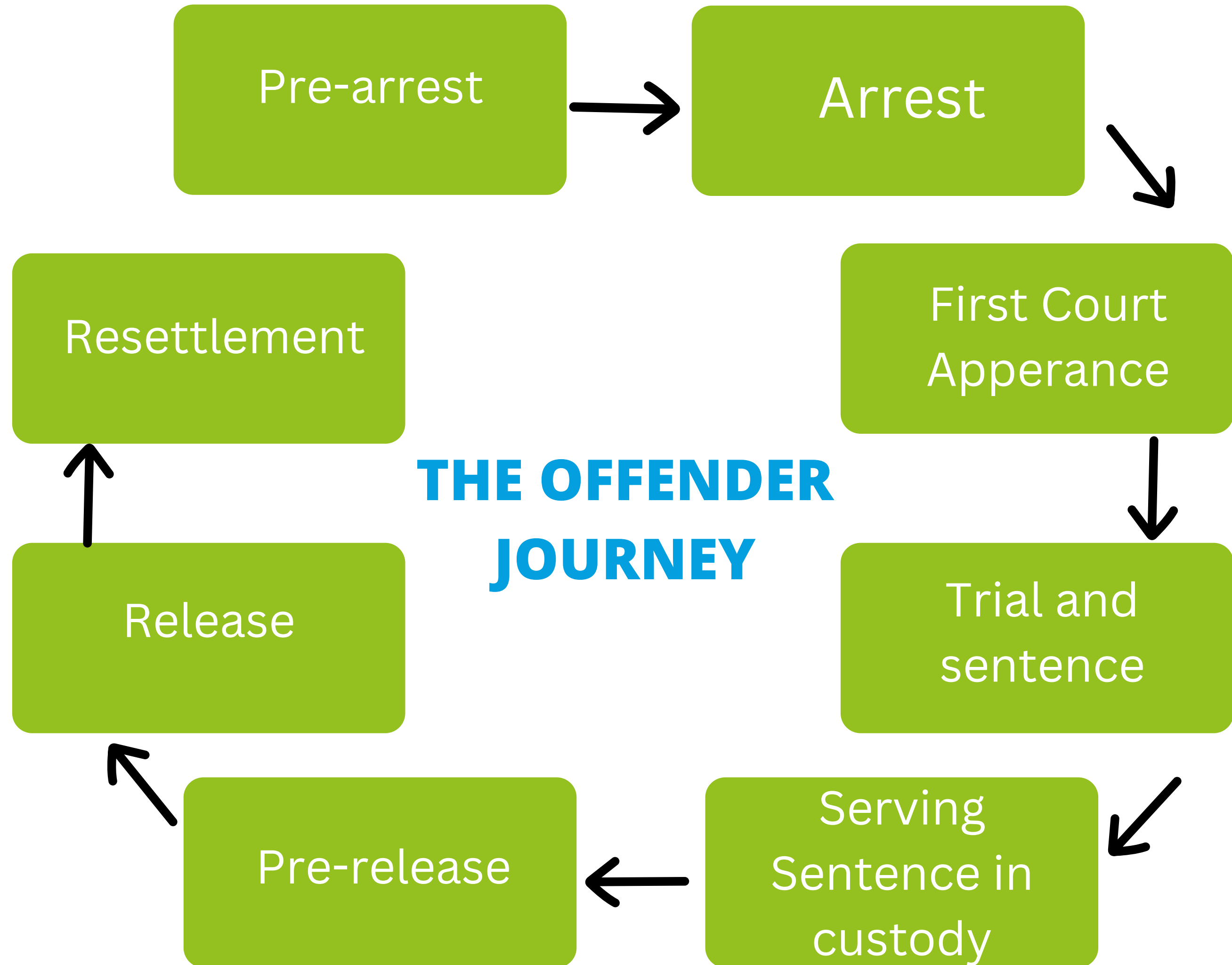
**WE SUPPORT AND ADVOCATE FOR FAMILIES CONTACTING AND VISITING PRISONS.**

**WE WORK CLOSELY WITH LOCAL PRISONS AND PRISON FAMILY SERVICES TO SUPPORT WITH PRISON RELATED QUESTIONS AND ISSUES. WE CAN ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF FAMILIES TRYING TO CONTACT PRISONS.**

**WE SUPPORT HMP LEWES AND HMP FORD FACILITATE FAMILY DAYS. WE ALSO ADVISE AND SUPPORT FAMILIES WITH PRISON CONTACT AND VISITS.**

# DID YOU KNOW?

**312,000 CHILDREN A YEAR EXPERIENCE HAVING A PARENT IN PRISON IN ENGLAND AND WALES. THIS IS WHAT THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH**





# BEHIND THE SCENES





# TRAINING

**WE PROVIDE TRAINING AND GUIDANCE TO PROFESSIONALS SUPPORTING PRISONERS' CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. GET IN TOUCH TO BOOK A SESSION.**



**OUR HIDDEN SENTENCE TRAINING INCREASES AWARENESS OF ISSUES FACING PRISONERS' FAMILIES AND IDENTIFIES WAYS TO SUPPORT THEM.**

**THE COURSE WILL EXPLORE THE WAYS IN WHICH FAMILIES ARE AFFECTED BY IMPRISONMENT**



# CREATING

**SUSSEX PRISONERS' FAMILIES HAVE PUT TOGETHER THREE BOOKLETS TO HELP PROFESSIONALS IDENTIFY AND SUPPORT CHILDREN'S NEEDS IN SCHOOL.**

**THESE TWO BOOKLETS ARE WRITTEN BY DADS IN CAT C AND CAT D PRISONS TO HELP CHILDREN UNDERSTAND WHAT LIFE IS LIKE IN THESE PRISONS.**



A guide to help understand what life is like for a loved-one in a Category D prison.

This book is intended to be used for adults and young people to look at together in case any questions arise.



A guide to help children and young people understand what life is like for a loved-one in prison.

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**THIS BOOKLET IS AIMED AT PROFESSIONALS SUPPORTING 5-11 YEAR OLD'S. PROVIDING AN OVERVIEW OF THE CHALLENGES AND EFFECTS HAVING A PARENT IN PRISON MIGHT HAVE ON A CHILD AND ADVICE ON WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP. IT ANSWERS QUESTIONS SUCH AS:**

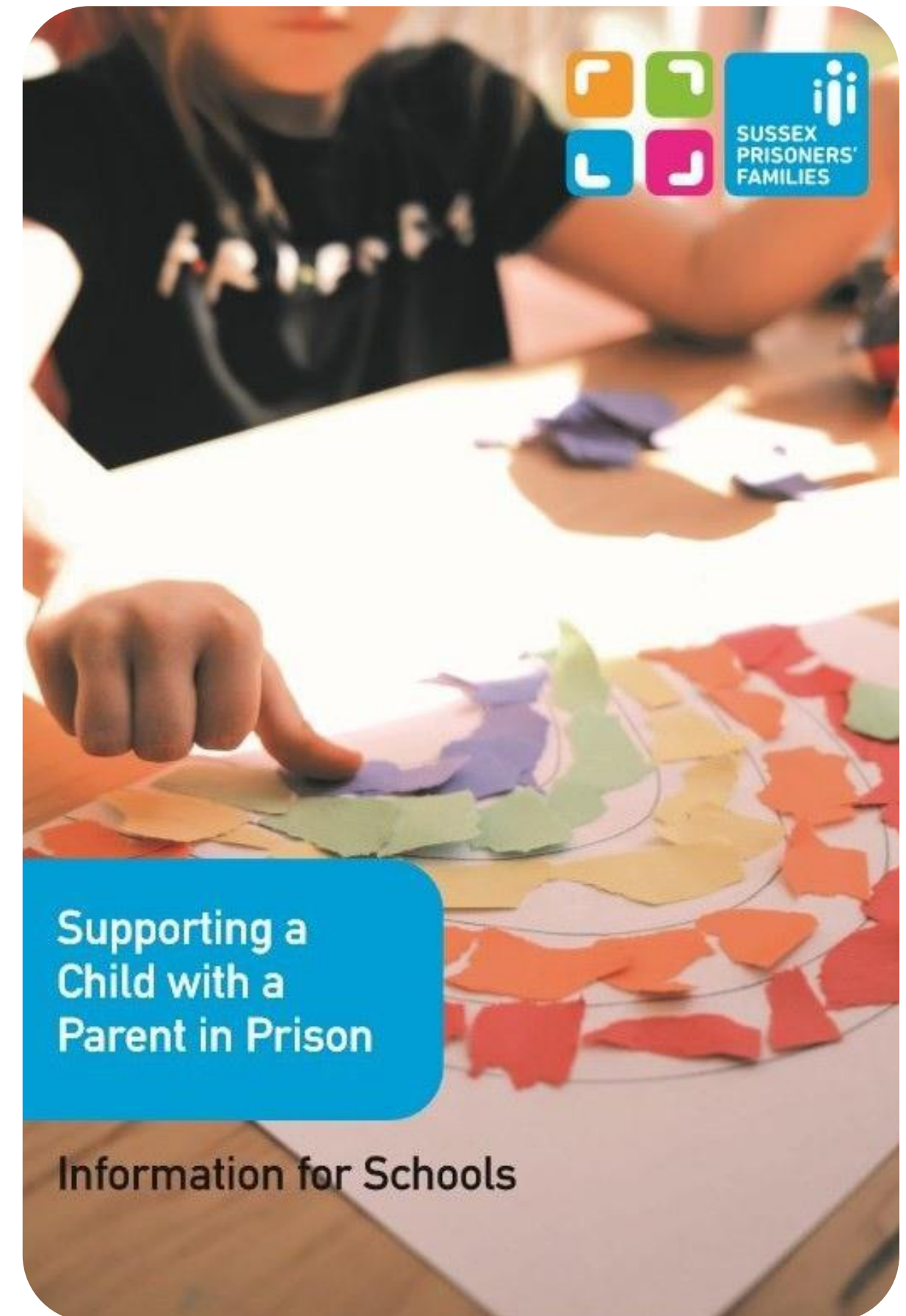
**What challenges might children be facing?**

**How might children be affected?**

**What behaviour might you see at school?**

**What can schools do?**

**What can Sussex Prisoners Families do?**





# EDUCATING

**WE HAVE COLLABORATED WITH UNINTERRUPTED THEATRE AND THE OLD MARKET TO PRODUCE INVISIBLE SENTENCE.**

**A PLAY BASED ON VERBATIM ACCOUNTS OF WOMEN WITH SONS AND PARTNERS IN PRISON. THESE STORIES PROVIDE A POWERFUL AND LARGELY IGNORED PERSPECTIVE ON THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.**

# Invisible Sentence

Written by  
Dinos Aristidou

Directed by  
Julia Roberts

Based on real stories of women who have a son, daughter or partner serving a prison sentence

After the performance, there will be a panel discussion with Q&A to explore the issues and themes raised by the play

At The Old Market  
Upper Market Street  
Hove BN3 1AS

Tuesday 17th May,  
7.30pm

Wednesday 18th May,  
2.30pm and 7.30pm

For tickets:  
[www.theoldmarket.com](http://www.theoldmarket.com)  
[www.brightonfringe.org.uk](http://www.brightonfringe.org.uk)





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