Scenario 1

It’s Alfie’s best friends 10th birthday party in a few days and he is planning to go and celebrate with him, he is very excited as they do everything together. For Alfie’s 10th birthday his friend bought him a gift he always wanted and it was a bit expensive.

Alfie’s mum, Lauren, encourages this friendship and they have been friends since they were five.

She is also looking forward to taking Alfie to the birthday party and really wants to buy him a lovely gift that he can bring to the party. Unfortunately, Lauren has a large Council Tax bill to pay and she cannot really afford to buy a gift for Alfie’s best friend. How can she explain this to Alfie?

Scenario 2

Layla’s classmate has been to DisneyLand and has come back telling all of her friends what a wonderful time she has had. This has made Layla become very interested in going and she has told her mum how much she would like to go.

Layla’s mum Monica feels this is not a holiday that they could afford at the moment, but Monica would still like to take Layla somewhere nice. How could she explain this to her, and get her involved in choosing a holiday somewhere that they could afford?

Scenario 3

Freddie is 11 and going on a school trip and the children do not have to wear their uniform on that day. Freddie does not feel that his clothes are fashionable enough and wants his Dad to buy him a brand new pair of trainers.

Freddie’s dad Chris has just bought him a new pair of trainers which his son wanted. Chris wants his son to understand that it is not important to have to most fashionable brands of shoes and clothing, and that they have a limited budget to spend.