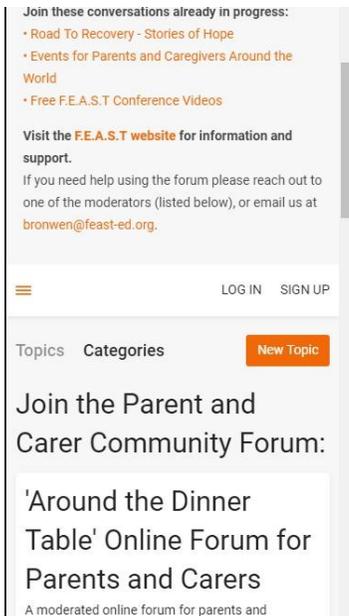
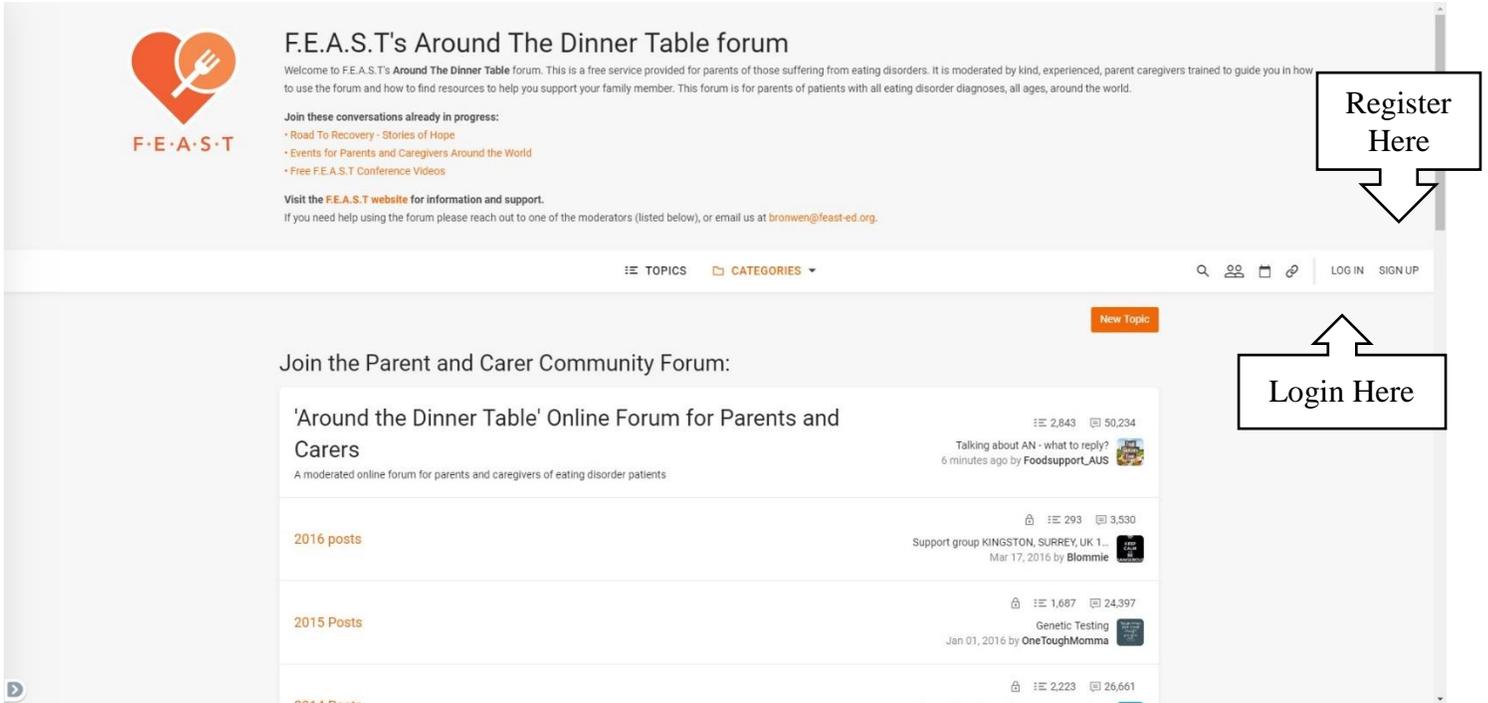


# Getting started

Welcome to Around the Dinner Table!

This document is to help you get started and find your way around. You can view the forum on either your PC or mobile device.



Sign up to join or Log in if you already have a registration

Create a username for yourself. This is the name that will appear on the screen when you post. Choose a name that will protect your privacy. This forum is public and your username will be available to all (your caregiver type, country, current approach, and introduction are visible to logged in members only).

Once you have registered, you will be able to log in at any time on the Forum Home page.

When you have logged in you will land here:

The screenshot shows the forum's homepage with the following callout boxes:

- Top Right:** A box pointing to the user profile icon with the text: "Your Username icon. Click on this to edit your profile and look at your posts."
- Left Side:** A large arrow-shaped box pointing to the pinned topics section with the text: "Please look at these pinned topics and visit the FEAST website".
- Center:** A box pointing to a forum title with the text: "Click on a forum title to see that forum's topics."
- Right Side:** A box pointing to a "New Topic" button with the text: "DO NOT USE THIS YET!".
- Bottom Right:** A box pointing to an "eye" icon with the text: "Please note the 'eye' icon."

When you are logged in, your username will appear on the top right of the screen as well as in the Active Users list on the bottom of this page. A green dot will appear next to your name if a member clicks on your profile.

Once logged in you can read both the Main forum – Around the Dinner Table Online Forum for Parents and Carers (publicly searchable) and the Caregiver only Provider's Feedback forum as well as archived posts, from 2016 and earlier. You can also reply to posts in both the Main Forum and the Provider's Feedback Forum. To read Topics click on a link. **IT IS STRONGLY SUGGESTED YOU OPEN A FORUM BEFORE CLICKING ON NEW TOPIC** to start a New Topic. You will need to choose category if you start a New Topic prior to opening a forum and many of them are invalid.

Join these conversations already in progress:

- Road To Recovery - Stories of Hope
- Events for Parents and Caregivers Around the World
- Free F.E.A.S.T Conference Videos

Visit the **F.E.A.S.T website** for information and support.

If you need help using the forum please reach out to one of the moderators (listed below), or email us at [bronwen@feast-ed.org](mailto:bronwen@feast-ed.org).



Topics Categories ✓ **New Topic**

DON'T USE THIS YET

## Join the Parent and Carer Community Forum:

Click on the link to read the main forum

### 'Around the Dinner Table' Online Forum for Parents and Carers

2,843

A moderated online forum for parents and caregivers of eating disorder patients

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Talking about AN - what to reply?  
18 minutes ago by **Foodsupport\_AUS**

Links to previous years posts

2016 posts 293

🔒 ☰ 293    💬 3,530    🔄



"Eye" icon

The "Eye" icon if selected will hide the relevant forum from view. To make it visible again scroll to the bottom of the page and select Modify filter – unselect the hidden forum and save.

Now for a few of the forum functions to help you get around.

The screenshot shows the F.E.A.S.T. forum homepage. At the top left is the F.E.A.S.T. logo, a red heart with a white fork and knife. To its right is the text "F.E.A.S.T.'s Around The Dinner Table" and a welcome message. A blue callout box with a white border points to the "CATEGORIES" link in the top navigation bar, containing the text: "To get back to this page at any time on the forum click on CATEGORIES". Below the navigation bar, there are sections for "Join the Parent and Carer Community Forum:", "Caregiver Only Forums:", "Quick Links", and "Past Years (Read Only):". A large white callout box with a black border on the right side contains the text: "There are two forums: Around the Dinner Table and Parent Reviews of Treatment Providers. There is also lots of other information". Arrows from this box point to the "Around the Dinner Table' Online Forum for Parents and Carers" and "Parent Reviews of Treatment Providers" sections. The "Quick Links" section includes "Read 'Hall of Fame' Posts from Around the Dinner Table Forum", "User's Guide and FAQ", and "Contact Us". The "Past Years" section lists threads from 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, and 2004-2006. At the bottom, there is a search bar, contact information, a disclaimer, and social media icons.

To get back to this page at any time on the forum click on CATEGORIES

There are two forums: Around the Dinner Table and Parent Reviews of Treatment Providers. There is also lots of other information

Hall of Fame – Collective Wisdom



## F.E.A.S.T.'s Around The Dinner Table

Welcome to F.E.A.S.T.'s Around The Dinner Table forum. You will find a wealth of information and support for you and your family. It is moderated by kind, experienced, parent caregivers trained to guide you through all eating disorder diagnoses, all ages, around the world.

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TOPICS CATEGORIES

SEARCH

### Join the Parent and Carer Community Forum:

**'Around the Dinner Table' Online Forum for Parents and Carers**

2840

A moderated online forum for parents and caregivers of eating disorder patients

- 2016 posts (80)
- 2015 Posts (148)
- 2014 Posts (222)
- 2013 Posts (431)
- 2012 posts (182)

### Caregiver Only Forums:

**Parent Reviews of Treatment Providers**

278

This forum is for parents to share personal experiences with treatment providers around the world.

### Quick Links

**Read "Hall of Fame" Posts from Around the Dinner Table Forum**

A collection of our favorite, most inspiring, must-read posts from member links to posts from archived forums.

**User's Guide and FAQ**

**Contact Us**

### Past Years (Read Only):

- 2011 posts (122)
- 2010 posts (132)
- 2009 Posts (182)
- 2008 posts (142)
- 2007 posts (72)
- 2004 - 2006 posts (21)

**"Introductions" Thread from March 2010 to June 2013 (Archived)**

This thread was pinned to the top of the ATDT Forum for three years and tells the stories of many of our members who joined during that period and before.

English 21 users online

Custom Search of F.E.A.S.T. and Forum Content:

**Support FEAST**  
F.E.A.S.T. Families Empowered and Supporting Treatment of Eating Disorders is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization committed to maintaining the Around the Dinner Table forum as a FREE service for any caregiver of a loved-one with an eating disorder.



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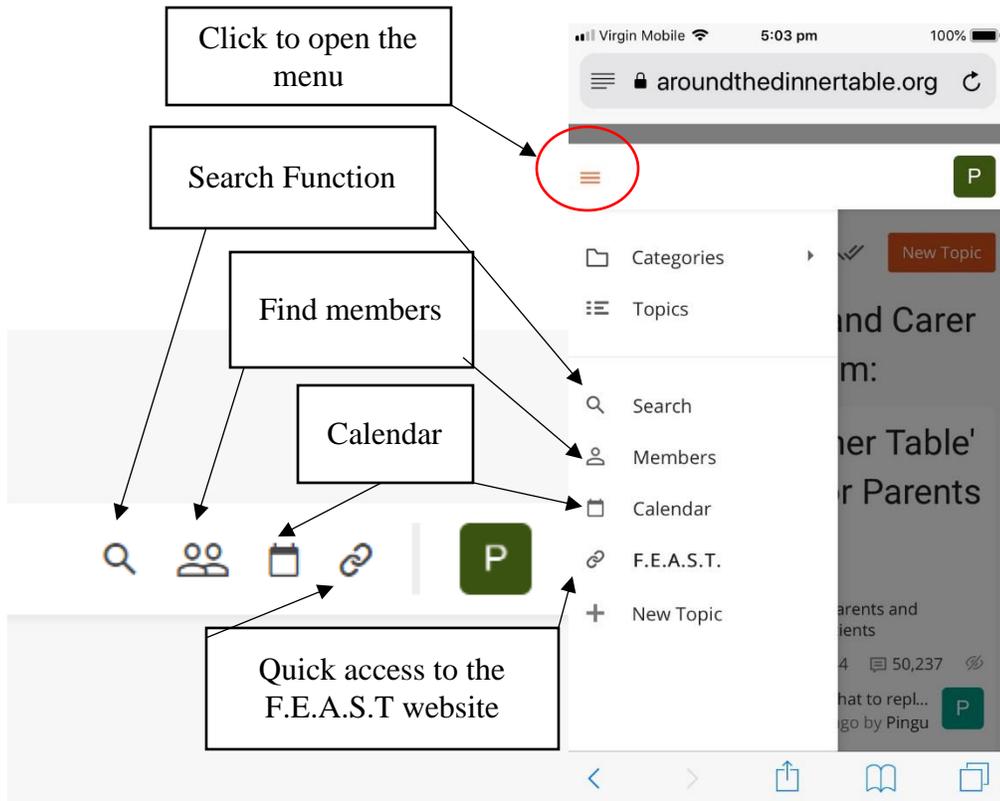
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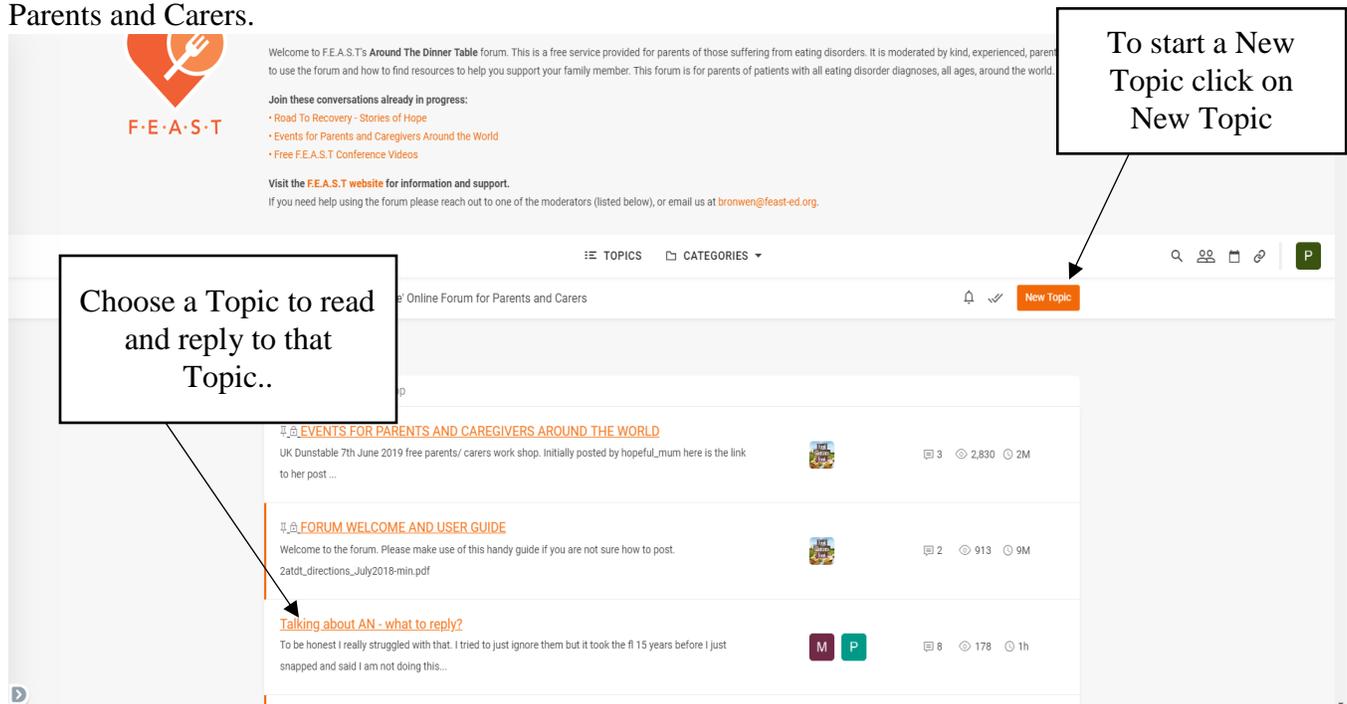


## What do the Icons mean?



## Starting your own Topic and replying to Topics

Please click on a forum first. Most posts are in Around the Dinner Table Online Forum for Parents and Carers.



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← 'Around the Dinner Table' Online Forum for Parents and Carers



New Topic

Click here to start a New Topic

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Latest New Top



[EVENTS FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS AROUND THE WORLD](#)

Started by [Foodsupport\\_AUS](#): UK Dunstable 7th June 2019 free parents/ carers work shop. Initially posted by hopeful\_mum here is the link to her post ...

3 2,830 2M



[FORUM WELCOME AND USER GUIDE](#)

Started by [Foodsupport\\_AUS](#): Welcome to the forum. Please make use of this handy guide if you are not sure how to post. 2atdt\_directions\_July2018-min.pdf

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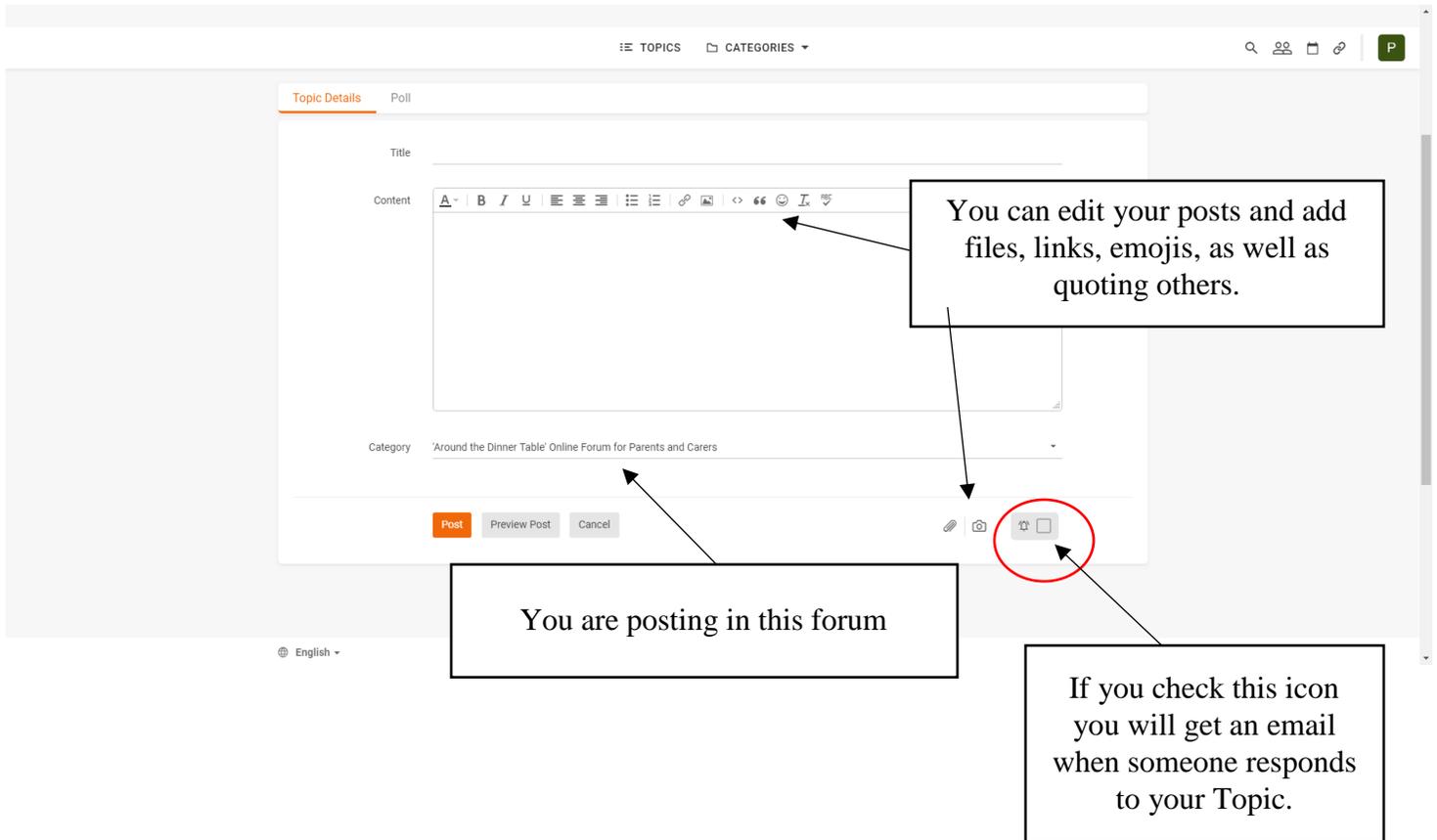
Choose a Topic to read or reply to that Topic.



[Talking about AN - what to reply?](#)

Replied by [Pingu](#): To be honest I really

When you click on “New Topic” in the upper right corner, you will be directed to this screen:



Give your topic a title in the subject line and then type your message in the large open box. For your first entry, it is a good idea to introduce yourself by describing your child's case and giving us some general details:

- Age and gender of sufferer
- Diagnosis if known
- Duration of sickness
- Treatment methods so far

Then ask your questions; we know you have a few.

Remember that Around the Dinner Table is a searchable forum and anything you write is visible to anyone who looks. Be discrete in naming names.

You can spell check and preview your post to see how it will look on the forum screen. Note that “Preview Post” does not make your posting appear on the forum yet.

When you are satisfied, click on “Post Message” to post your new topic on the forum.

Topic Details Poll

Title

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Content

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Category

'Around the Dinner Table' Online Forum for... ▾

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**Post**

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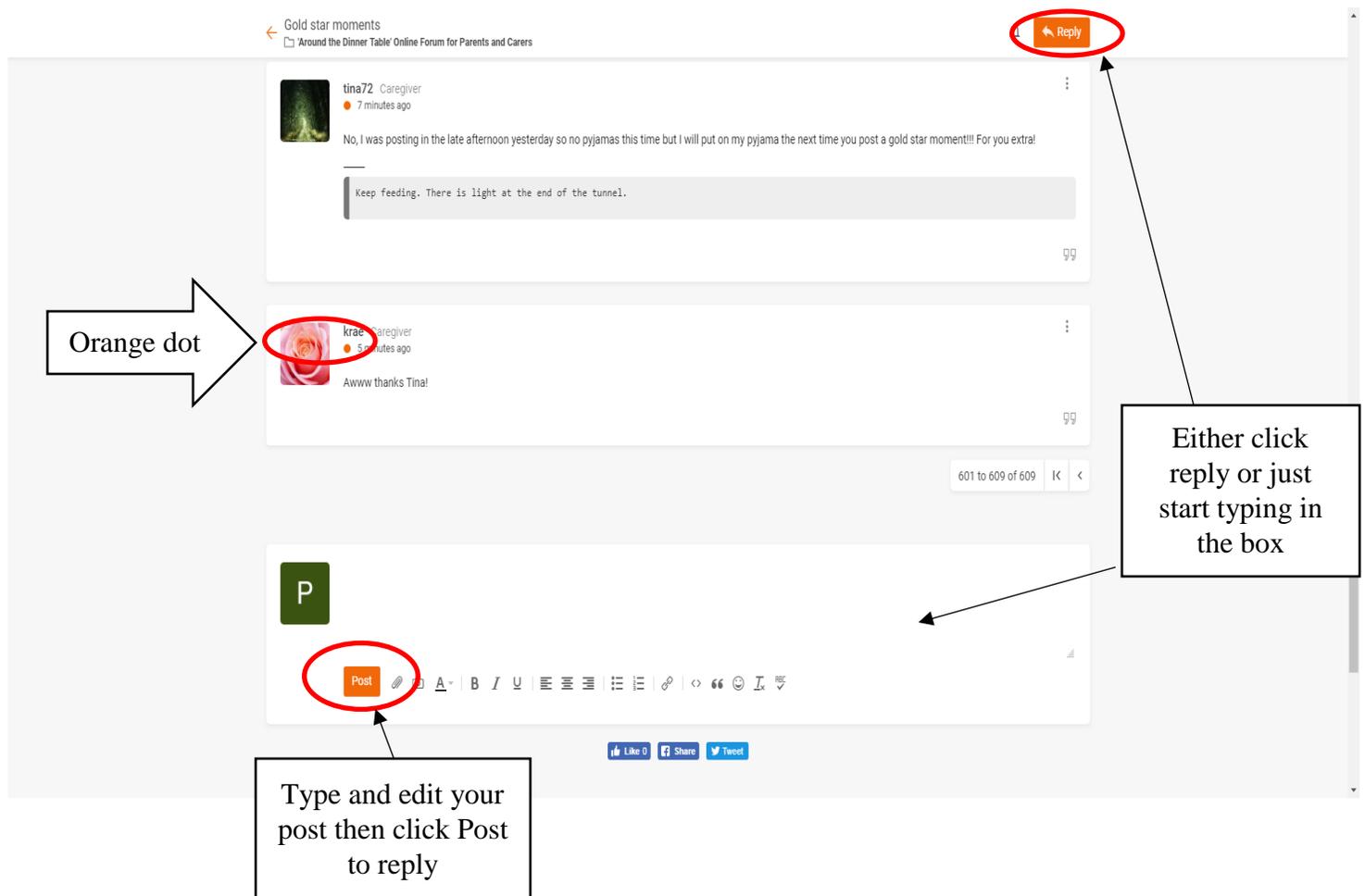
Cancel

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The mobile version is very similar.

## Replying to a Topic

When you open a Topic you will be taken to the place you last read that topic. Unread posts are marked by an orange dot. You can reply on any page but it is best to read to the end before replying.



The screenshot shows a forum thread titled "Gold star moments" from "Around the Dinner Table' Online Forum for Parents and Carers". The thread contains three posts. The first post is by user "tina72" (Caregiver) and is marked as read. The second post is by user "krae" (Caregiver) and is marked as unread with an orange dot. The third post is a reply box with a "Post" button circled in red. Annotations include: an arrow pointing to the orange dot with the text "Orange dot"; an arrow pointing to the "Reply" button in the top right corner with the text "Either click reply or just start typing in the box"; and an arrow pointing to the "Post" button with the text "Type and edit your post then click Post to reply".

Gold star moments  
Around the Dinner Table' Online Forum for Parents and Carers

tina72 Caregiver  
7 minutes ago  
No, I was posting in the late afternoon yesterday so no pyjamas this time but I will put on my pyjama the next time you post a gold star moment!!! For you extra!  
Keep feeding. There is light at the end of the tunnel.

krae Caregiver  
5 minutes ago  
Awww thanks Tina!

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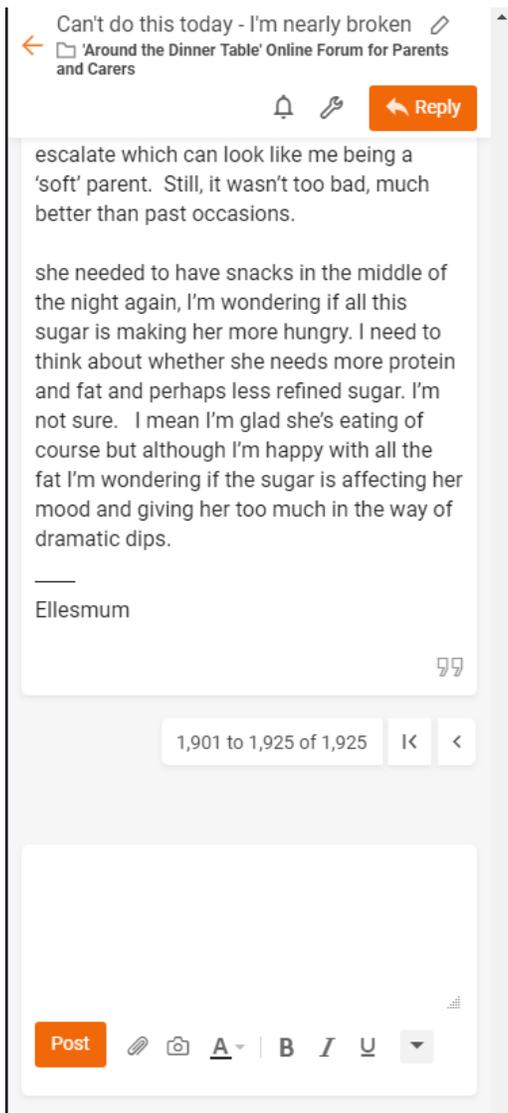
Post

Like 0 Share Tweet

Orange dot

Either click reply or just start typing in the box

Type and edit your post then click Post to reply



The phone version is very similar. No Orange dot though.

Any time after you have posted, you can Edit or Delete your own posts by using the three dots to the right of your posts. If you Delete the first post of any Topic it deletes the whole Topic.

Your posts are visible and searchable—keep this in mind while posting. While details of your child’s illness help other members to help you, be aware that professionals and sufferers also lurk on our forum.

If you can’t find your post or Topic, there’s a good chance that it has drifted down the list. Try looking back through a few pages, or go to your profile and open it to see your posts. You can also subscribe to a topic (as mentioned before), or search for it under the topic name or author username.

If you would like to contact a member privately, click on the username to send an e-mail (if they have made that available). We call this a “backchannel” conversation .



**scaredmom**  
Moderator

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Posts	Member Since
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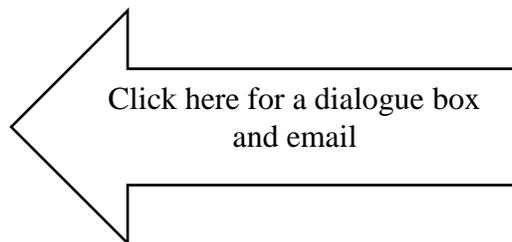
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 [Email](#)

Name

I am a (type of caregiver)  
Parent/step-parent

Country  
Canada



**If you need assistance you can always contact the Lead moderator – via email at the top of every page, or any of the other Moderators by clicking on the link at the bottom of each forum where it says X moderators.**

**Welcome to the forum. We hope you find a place of support and friendship during this difficult time.**