

Signposting for Pupils

Urgent help

If your child or a young person you know, needs urgent help with their mental health and is in danger call 999 or go to A&E.

If your child is in mental health crisis and you need urgent help, please call the NHS Mental Health crisis line for FREE on 0800 051 1508. This is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. NHS staff will be able to support you to get the help you / your child needs.

Advice and guidance

If your child needs assistance with their mental health, but it is not an emergency, you can get help from NHS 111 online or call 111.

Anyone who lives or works in Knowsley can get free help and support via SHOUT – a new, confidential text messaging service for anyone struggling with their mental health.

By texting the word 'REACH' to 85258 you will start a conversation with a trained volunteer.

Knowsley Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) works with young people up to the age of 18 who have emotional, behavioural or mental health difficulties which are causing difficulties in their school, family or social life. Speak to your GP, health visitor, social worker or school health advisor who will be able to refer you into this specialist service.

There is also a range of support and advice available online:

Summary of support	How to contact	Age
		range
Anna Freud National Centre for Children	Text: AFC to 85258	All age
and Families provides a Crisis Messenger		groups
Service which is free, confidential, 24/7		
text message support service for anyone		

who is feeling overwhelmed or is		
BEAT's Youthline offers support to children and young people with an eating disorder. BEAT also offers online training for schools.	Website and online chat: Worried about a pupil - Beat (beateatingdisorders.org.uk) SPOT - Online Training for Schools - Beat (beateatingdisorders.org.uk) Phone: 0808 801 0711	All age groups
ChildLine is the UK's free, confidential helpline for children and young people. They offer advice and support, by phone and online, 24 hours a day. Whenever and wherever you need them, they'll be there.	Website and online chat: https://www.childline.org.uk/ Phone: 0800 1111	All age groups
Educational Action Challenging Homophobia (EACH) offers advice and support online and through their freephone Helpline for children experiencing homophobic, biphobic or transphobic bullying or harassment.	Website: Education: Schools Training - EACH EACH Helpline Phone: 0808 1000 143 open Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm	All age groups
Hope Again is the youth website of Cruise Bereavement Care. They provide advice for any young person dealing with a loss of a loved one.	Website: http://www.cruse.org.uk/get-help/for-parents Phone 0808 808 1677	All age groups
Papyrus (Prevention of Young Suicide) provides advice and support for young people who feel like they want to take their own life, all their advice is confidential.	I'm A Professional Papyrus UK Suicide Prevention Charity (papyrus- uk.org) Phone: 0800 068 41 41 Text: 07786 209 687	All age groups
Samaritans are an organisation you can ring at any time of the day or night. They'll help you and listen to how you're feeling. Teachers can signpost Samaritans	Phone: 116 123 Email: jo@samaritans.org	All age groups
Shout provides free, confidential, 24/7 text message support in the UK for anyone struggling to cope. They can help with issues including suicidal thoughts, depression, anxiety, panic attacks, abuse, self-harm, relationship problems and bullying.	Text 'Shout' to 85258 to get an empathetic, trained volunteer who will listen and work with you to solve problems.	All age groups
Switchboard LGBT+ helpline is a safe space for anyone to discuss anything, including sexuality, gender identity,	Website and web chat: https://switchboard.lgbt/	All age groups

sexual health and emotional well-being. They help people to explore the right	Phone: 0300 330 0630	
options for themselves through support on the phone and through email and instant messaging service.	Email: chris@switchboard.lgbt	
The Mix is the UK's leading support	Website and online chat:	All age
service for young people. They offer help and support to help with any challenge	https://www.themix.org.uk/	groups
children are facing from mental health to money, from homelessness to finding a	Text: THEMIX to 85258	
job, from breakups to drugs. Talk to them via their online community, on social, through their free, confidential helpline or counselling service.	Phone: 0808 808 4994	
Young Minds Crisis Messenger provides	Website: https://youngminds.org.uk	All age
free crisis support every day of the week,		group
at any time day or night. All texts are	Text: YM to 85258 (24/7)	
answered by trained volunteers, with support from experienced clinical	for urgent help	
supervisors.		

General mental health and wellbeing support, building resilience and staying well

Summary of support	How to contact	Age range
Anna Freud National Centre for Children	Anna Freud Anna Freud	All age
and Families provide support to children		groups
and young people, sharing clear, simple advice and resources. 'On My Mind' aims	Websites:	
to empower young people to make	https://www.annafreud.org/ coronavirussupport/support-for-	
informed choices about their mental	youngpeople/	
health and wellbeing through advice,	, 3, , ,	
support, tips and self-care strategies.	https://www.annafreud.org/ on-my-	
	mind/	
	Text: AFC to 85258	
BBC Bitesize offers support, advice and	Website:	All age
tips to children and young people on a	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bites	groups
host of areas including mental health,	ize/collections/life-andwellbeing/1	
wellbeing, resilience, identity and healthy		
relationships. Every Mind Matters have expert advice	Website:	All age
and practical tips to help you look after	https://www.nhs.uk/everymind-	groups
your mental health and wellbeing,	matters	P. oaba
including sleep, self-care, and dealing		
with change.		

Kooth free, safe and anonymous online	Website:	All age
mental wellbeing community, accredited	https://www.kooth.com/	groups
by the British Association for Counselling		
and Psychotherapy. It includes: • a		
magazine • discussion boards • messages		
or live chat with their team • a daily		
journal you can fill in		
Now and Beyond the UK's first	Website:	All age
multidisciplinary directory for children	https://nowandbeyond.org. uk/help-	groups
and young people's mental health and	and-support	
wellbeing providers. Includes information		
about locally available services.		
The Think Ninja (freely available and	App:	10-18
adapted for COVID-19) app educates	https://www.nhs.uk/appslibrary/	year olds
children and young people about mental	thinkninja/	
health, emotional wellbeing and provide		
skills young people can use to build		
resilience and stay well.		
Young Minds offers online information	Website:	
on COVID-19 and mental health for	https://youngminds.org.uk Text: YM to	
children and young people.	85258	

Bereavement

Summary of service	How to contact	Age range
Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families provide support to children and young people dealing with loss and bereavement and signposts to bereavement organisations and local	Websites: https://www.annafreud.org/ on-my- mind/dealing-withloss-and- bereavement/ Text: AFC to 85258	All age groups
support.	Text: AFC to 85258	
Hope Again is the youth website of Cruse Bereavement Care. It is a safe place where children and young people can learn from other young people, how to	Website: https://www.cruse.org.uk/g et- help/for-parents	All age groups
cope with grief, and feel less alone.	Phone: 0808 808 1677	
The Childhood Bereavement Network includes content specific to COVID19 with a hub for professionals supporting bereaved children.	Website: http://www.childhoodberea vementnetwork.org.uk/schools.aspx	All age groups

Bullying

Summary of support	How to contact	Age range

Anti-Bullying Alliance are a unique coalition of organisations and individuals, working together to achieve our vision to stop bullying and create safer environments in which children and young people can live, grow, play and learn. They provide expertise in relation to all forms of bullying between children and young people.	Website: http://www.anti- bullyingallience.org.uk/tools- information	All age groups
ChildLine have a designated page for bullying issues that includes a new video about building up your confidence after bullying.	Website and online chat: https://www.childline.org.uk Phone: 0800 1111	All age groups
Educational Action Challenging Homophobia (EACH) offers advice and support online for children experiencing homophobic, biphobic or transphobic bullying or harassment.	Website: http://each.education/homo phobic- transphobic-helpline Phone: 0808 1000 143 open Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm.	All age groups
Kidscape has advice and practical tips on dealing with bullying and cyberbullying and ways for young people to build their confidence.	Website: https://www.kidscape.org.u k/advice/advice-for-youngpeople/	All age groups
Young Minds offers online information and advice on bullying for children and young people.	Website: https://youngminds.org.uk/fi nd- help/feelings-andsymptoms/bullying/ Text: YM to 85258	All age groups

Sleep problems

Summary of support	How to contact	Age range
Every Mind Matters have expert advice and practical tips to help you look after your mental health and wellbeing, including sleep, self-care, and dealing with change.	Website: https://www.nhs.uk/everymind- matters/	All age groups
Teen Sleep Hub offers advice, support and tips on achieving a good night's sleep.	Website: https://teensleephub.org.uk	All age groups
Young Minds offers online information, advice and tips for children and young people having issues with sleep and how to get help.	Website: https://youngminds.org.uk/fi nd- help/feelings-andsymptoms/sleep- problems Text: YM to 85258	All age groups

Transition

Summary of support	How to contact	Age range
BBC Bitesize offers support, advice and tips to children and young people on starting primary school, secondary school	Websites: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bites ize/collections/startingprimary-school/1	All age groups
and options for college and university.	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bites ize/tags/zh4wy9q/startingsecondary- school/1 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bites ize/collections/college- andapprenticeships/1	
Every Mind Matters have expert advice and practical tips to help you look after your mental health and wellbeing, including sleep, self-care, and dealing with change.	Website: https://www.nhs.uk/everymind- matters/	All age groups

Vulnerable children

Summary of Support	How to contact	Age range
Barnardo's See, Hear, Respond programme, focusses on finding and reaching out to vulnerable children around the country who are experiencing	Website: https://www.barnardos.org.u k/see- hear-respond	All age ranges
negative impacts on their health and wellbeing, as well as those at risk of harm.		
Make Our Rights Reality is a movement of young people demanding our rights. It's coordinated by Youth Access – a charity working for the rights of every young person to be able to get support when and where they need it. Through the Make Our Rights Reality movement, young people have set up the Our Minds Our Future campaign to demand young people's right to mental health be met.	Website: https://makeourrightsreality.org.uk/	All age ranges
The Proud Trust is a lifesaving and life enhancing organisation that helps LGBT+ young people empower themselves, to make a positive change for themselves, and their communities.	Website: https://www.theproudtrust.org/	All age ranges

