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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Year 6 Assembly - Tuesday, 27th February 2024

Following our visit to Walmsley School on Tuesday, 27th February, your child may mention they have been made aware of a service called Kooth. It provides early intervention mental health support to children and young people. Kooth works with schools and professionals across over 90% of the UK.

Kooth.com & Owell.io offer free, safe and anonymous access to online wellbeing support and advice for children, young people and adults across Greater Manchester. Kooth.com is available for ages 10-25 and Qwell.io for ages 18+, to give young adults a choice between platforms.

The registration process is quick, anonymous and safe. Children and young people can access support, simply by registering at <u>www.kooth.com</u> and adults at <u>Qwell.io</u> using nonidentifiable information.

With no thresholds, waiting lists or referrals required, you can access support for ANY issues you may be experiencing. On Kooth, these may include; body image, self-esteem, bereavement, academic pressures, anger, anxiety, suicidal thoughts, self-harm, friendships, sexuality, transition from primary to secondary school, etc. On Qwell, these may include: stress & anxiety, self-esteem, bereavement, family breakdown, substance misuse, cost of living concerns, suicidal thoughts, friendships, work related stress, etc.

All our BACP (British Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy) qualified therapists are online 365 days a year. Monday to Friday, from midday until 10pm and on weekends, 6pm until 10pm. Users can still message the team 24 hours a day to get a next day response.

There is also access to our fully-moderated support forums, self-help tools, and online magazine articles (written by our professional team and our young people) covering topics ranging from health and wellbeing, sport, technology, fashion, etc. All content is pre-moderated before going 'live' on the site, allowing for young people and adults to offer and receive peer support in a safe and secure online environment.

Kooth delivers 1000's of online wellbeing sessions each year in Local Authorities across the UK. As 50% of referrals to CAMHS are unfortunately deemed inappropriate to their criteria, Kooth gives schools, professionals and families an alternative way of ensuring children and young people can access free support when they need it, in a way that they find comfortable to access, via any web-enabled devices. Owell also provides the exact same support for adults.

Please find a selection of Parent/Carer resources that can be accessed using this link: Parents/Carers resources and if you have any questions or would like to discuss what Kooth.com can offer, please, simply email <u>parents@kooth.com</u>.





