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**St Augustine’s Academy Newsletter**

**15th May 2020**

**Headteacher’s Message**

**VE Day Celebrations**

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Across the country, the 75th

Anniversary of VE Day was

celebrated last week.

We hope you enjoyed the

celebrations; we can see that

these 4 children did!

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We hope you are all safe and well

and enjoying the sunny weather

again.

At the end of last week, we delivered (or posted) letters to the children from their class teachers. We have received some lovely comments about them and are glad that they brought a smile to many of our children’s faces.

You will probably all have heard by now, of the Government’s plans to reopen schools on Monday 1st June, to EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils, if it is safe to do so.

This week, pupils in these year groups will have received a telephone call from Mrs Fourmy to talk to you about this.

Before St Augustine’s reopens, we will communicate with you about what school will look and feel like. We will also be sending you activities that you can do with your child at home to help them be ready for school.

Governors and school staff are working behind the scenes to prepare for when our school reopens. We are reading and beginning to action the advice that we have been given and will keep you informed as arrangements are made and finalised. We ask for your patience and understanding as we do this.

Next week’s challenge is **Animals and Wildlife.** Please send in your photos or artwork; it could even be of your pets!

We look forward to everyone being back in school together again, but when it is safe to do so. Until then, we are thinking of you all and hope you keep healthy and happy.

**Amanda Howes - Headteacher**



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**Thank You NHS, Key Workers and Volunteers**

Once again, the Thursday 8pm clap reminded us of the wonderful and selfless work that our NHS, key workers and volunteers across the country are doing. We would like to thank everyone for their love, dedication, and commitment. You are remembered in our thoughts and our prayers.

**‘Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.’ *Matthew 5:16***



It has been interesting to hear about the learning that children are doing at home and seeing the learning that is taking place for the children of key workers in school too.

We have sent learning packs home to all our children and there are also lots of online resources to keep them learning. If you need more paper resources, advice about home learning or help explaining a concept to your child, then please contact the school and we can help you. Here are some tips and suggestions for home learning:

* Follow the school website’s Learning Zone link at - <https://www.staugustinesacademy.co.uk/pupils/online-learning-games> The website is constantly being updated and is full of online resources for your children. There are links to video clips they can watch and learn from, activity ideas and online lessons. There are also links to Oak National Academy Lessons, where real teachers can teach your children, and BBC Bitesize. The following link will take you straight to the DfE’s excellent online learning resources for children. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education>
* Use a pencil and paper – It is not necessary to work from worksheets the whole time. At school, we try to avoid using worksheets where we can and encourage children to write out their work. Handwriting and presentation are such important skills. We delivered exercise books to some of our families this week and if you would like to receive one then please email or phone the school and we will ensure that one is delivered to you. Why not: write a diary; keep a scrapbook; make a time capsule; create a story; make careful observational drawings of objects in your home; design graphs, charts and tables; write a letter; design a poster; draw a board game. The possibilities are endless.

* Read, Read, Read! Read recipes, magazines, board game instructions, fiction and non-fiction books and e-books.
* Practise your TIMES TABLES and NUMBER BONDS using the NumberFy/Flurrish App that we use at school.   
  1. Download the app from: <http://www.flurrished.com/numberfy_v3.apk>  
  2. Tap the file in your downloads to install it - you may be  taken  to the Security Settings screen: make sure to click "Install from Unknown Sources"  
  3. Complete the installation  
  4. Start the app and enter the school's registration code  
  You can access parental support by emailing - [support@flurrished.co.uk](mailto:support@flurrished.co.uk) (Which you will receive on Parentmail.)
* Look at the school’s Summer Term Curriculum Overviews on the school website which will explain everything that your child would be learning at school during the summer term at school. Follow this link to access them: <https://www.staugustinesacademy.co.uk/curriculum/termly-curriculum-overviews>

**We hope you have lots of fun with your learning. Please send us photographs of your work for the school newsletter.**

**Keep on Learning**

**Awesome Artwork**

**BBC Own It App updated for Covid-19**



It is great to see the learning

that is taking place at home.

This week we have some

super artwork to show you.

The 3 clay bowls pictured

top left, have been made

using a coiling technique; the painting above is in the style of Jackson Pollock, and the painting on the left is in the style of Wassily Kandinsky.

Well done for producing amazing work!

The BBC’s Own It app helps young people new to social media manage their well-being, whilst empowering children to make smart choices, and helping them to lead a positive life online.

The Own It app and keyboard lets children:

* Get advice whenever they type
* Track their feelings
* Win badges as they reflect
* Find help when they need it
* Taking quizzes to learn more about themselves

The app also includes a special keyboard to use which offers helpful tips and friendly advice to children when they need it.

The app can be downloaded for free from the App Store or Google Play.

Further information can be found here:

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/take-control/own-it-app>





Uses these prayers, pictures and links to help you talk with God.

**National Online Assembly**

Each week there is an online assembly for children across the UK. We hope that many of you followed the link that

was sent on Parentmail

for you to watch it. The

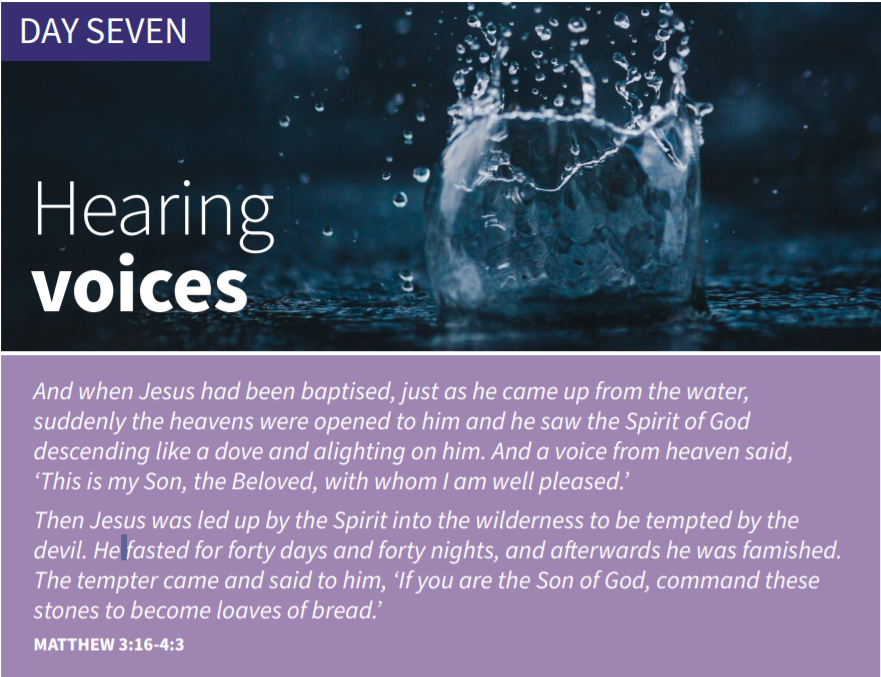
Bishop of Canterbury led

part of the assembly

which was about ‘hope’.

Each week, there will be an online assembly at 10:00am on Thursdays via the National Online Academy. If you missed it then please click on the following link to catch up and be part of the biggest assembly ever!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OgdhOstV6iI>



Where did that thought come from?! We’ve all had the experience of thinking something strange and wondering where the idea came from. If it’s a good thought, we might say “I would never have thought something like that! It must be God.” If it’s a bad thought, we may feel that it reflects badly on us – or that it must have been the devil that put it there.

Our inner voices are a vital part of our conscious experience. They are also the fabric of our prayers. If we are wise, we learn to discern which ones are to be listened to. Jesus was obedient to the Spirit, who led him into the wilderness, but then he heard the voice of the tempter. This voice questioned what the voice from heaven had said at his baptism. Indirectly, it helped him because, in his dialogue with this voice, he clarified what his vocation as Son of God was to be. It would not be about self-serving miracles, about human glory, or avoidance of suffering. It would be a life of service and self-giving.

We know now that many people hear voices (out loud) who are not mentally ill. It is not the hearing of voices that we need to be afraid of. We all hear voices. We need courage to listen, and wisdom to discern what they mean.

. (Prof. Chris Cook)

**A “Have a Go” habit: Centring Prayer**

• Sit still in a chair whilst you drink your cup of tea or coffee today.

• Repeat and breathe in the words of Psalm 85:8 “I will listen for what the Lord says for He will speak peace”.

(Ruth Rice)

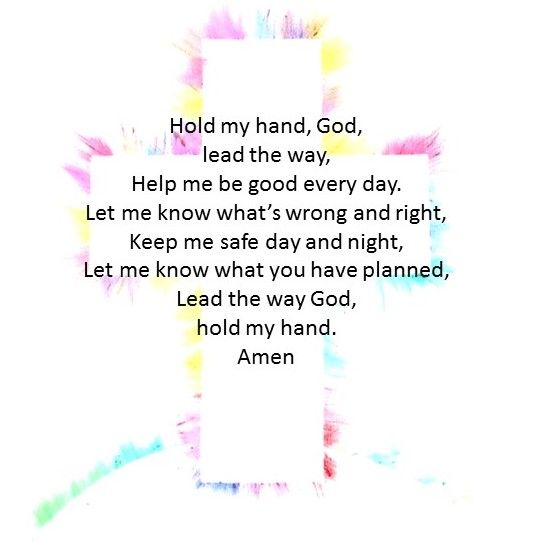
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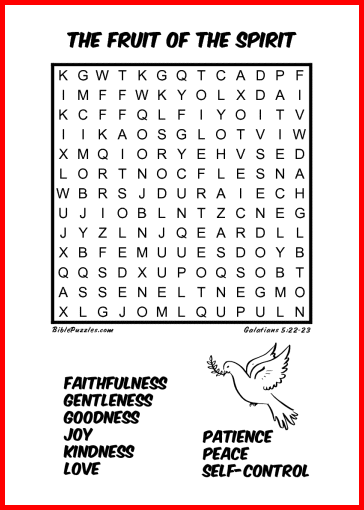
If you follow the link below, it will take you to a book of prayers compiled by the Church of England, especially for use during the Coronavirus outbreak.

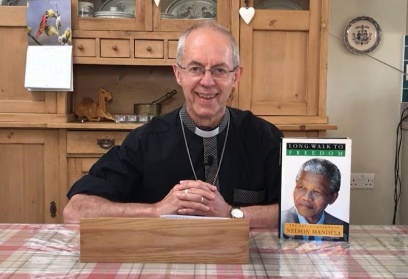
[https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-parishes/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer](about:blank)

**Supporting Good Mental Health**

**Prayers and Reflections**







The table below gives a whole range of support services that you can access for help and advice. Please use them. This is a really testing time for us all and we all need a little bit of help and support sometimes. Remember, if you feel you can’t cope, you can also ring the school to speak to someone.

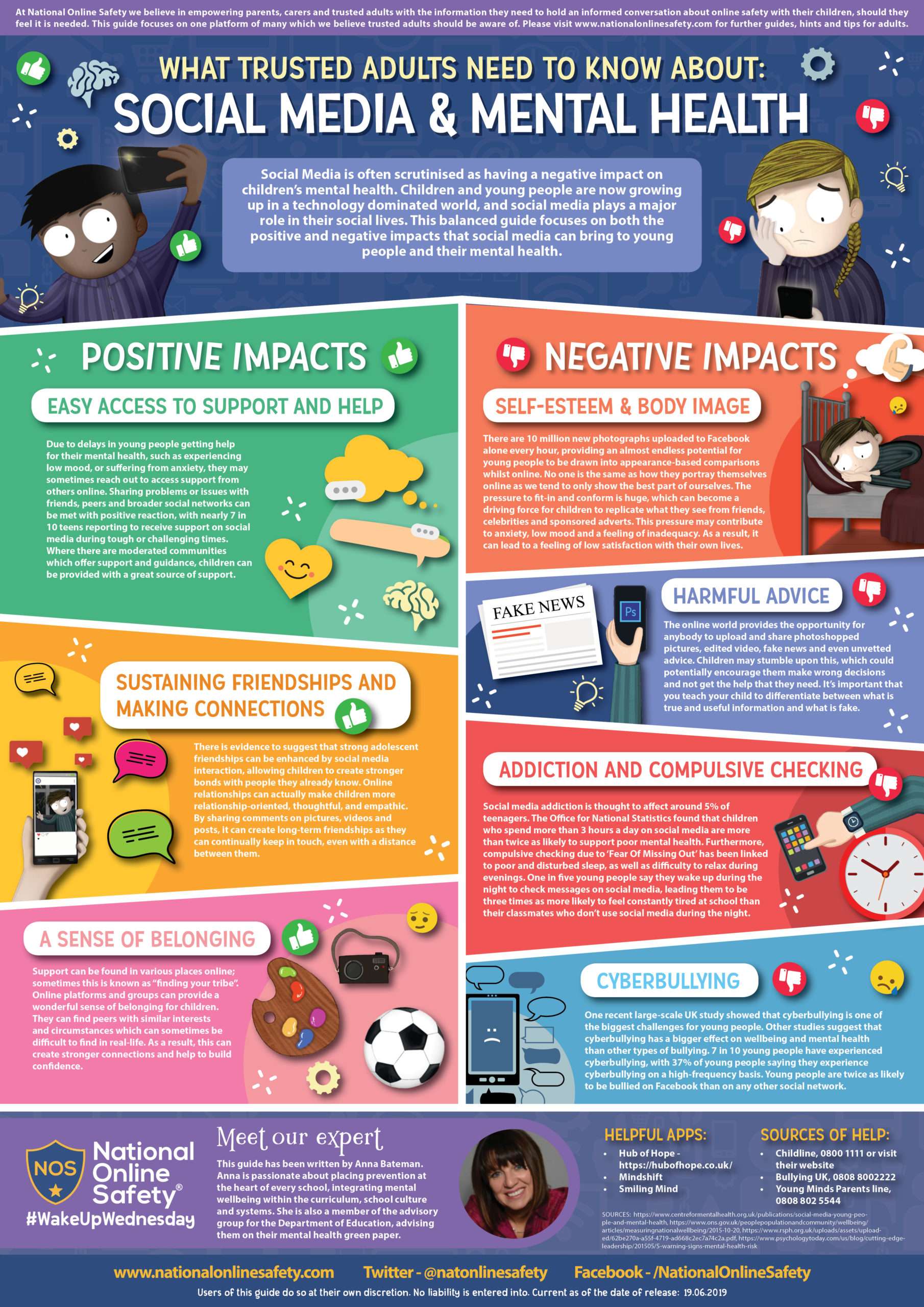
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| **Service** | **Number** | **Website** | **Information** |
| **Child Line** | 0800 1111 | [https://www.childline.org.uk/](about:blank) | Child Line is a free, private and confidential service where young people can talk about anything. Support is available online, on the phone, anytime |
| **Children’s Centre** | 0300 300 8104 | Contact -  [Kim.woodland@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](about:blank) | Support for parenting, debt, domestic abuse and foodbank vouchers etc. |
| **Rev Ricky**  **Dunstable**  **Team Vicars** | 01582 528485 | Contact –  [rickyturner@ntlworld.com](about:blank)  [PrayDunstable@gmail.com](about:blank) | Prayer and general help and support. |
| **MIND** | 0300 300 0648 | [https://www.mind.org.uk/](about:blank) | Mind offers information and advice to people with mental health problems |
| **Headspace** |  | [https://www.headspace.com/](about:blank)  App is available to download on the App store or Google Play | Mental health activities. Provides guided meditations, animations, articles and videos |
| **Victim Support** | 0808 1689111 | [https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/](about:blank) | Free and confidential support for people affected by crime and traumatic events – regardless of whether you have reported the crime to the police or not |
| **Salvation Army** | 01582 606031 | [https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/dunstable](about:blank) | The Samaritans offer a church and social services to support those in need |
| **Kooth** |  | [https://kooth.com/](about:blank) | Kooth is an online and confidential service giving help and advice about emotional health to young people |
| **Samaritans** | 116 123 | [https://www.samaritans.org/](about:blank) | Free and confidential support and advice |
| **Anxiety UK** | TextService:  07537 416 905  Infoline:  03444 775 774 | [https://www.anxietyuk.org.uk/](about:blank) | Anxiety UK relieve and support those living with anxiety and anxiety-based depression by providing information, support and understanding |
| **Youngminds** | Parents Helpline  0808 802 5544 | [https://youngminds.org.uk/](about:blank) | A UK charity fighting for children and young people's mental health |
| **Signpost** | 0800 0282 887 | [https://www.signpostforbedfordshire.com/](about:blank) | Support for those affected by crime |
| **NSPCC** | 0808 800 5000 | [https://www.nspcc.org.uk/](about:blank) | Help for adults concerned about a child |
| **National Online Safety** |  | [https://nationaleducationgroup.cmail20.com/t/t-l-nkrhhuy-fyhllutij-y/](about:blank) | Highly visual and informative Online Safety posters for parents, carers and children |
| **Central Bedfordshire Council** |  | [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers](about:blank) | Coronavirus – Information for Parents and Carers |
| **Central Bedfordshire Children’s Services** | 0300 300 8585  Out of hours: 0300 300 8123 |  | If you think a child you know is being harmed or at risk of being harmed, please contact the Access and Referral Hub, who you can talk to about your concerns. All child protection calls are treated in confidence and you don't need to give your details |

You can also find the latest information updates on the corona virus at: [https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus](about:blank)

**Support and Advice**

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There are loads of great resources to help keep you and your family occupied.  **Need something new to read?**  Find a great selection of [e-books, audiobooks](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA0MjguMjA3NDA4ODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwOi8vdmlydHVhbC1saWJyYXJ5LmN1bHR1cmFsc2VydmljZXMubmV0L3dlYmluZ3Jlcy9iZWRmb3Jkc2hpcmUvdmxpYi8wLmJvb2tzX3JlYWRpbmcvZWJvb2tzX2VhdWRpby5odG0ifQ.yX8nyQftD-FI8Jrj1xSjwEwu6LEQK_zzTZffaQa-y5w/br/77907246314-l) and [magazines](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA0MjguMjA3NDA4ODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwOi8vdmlydHVhbC1saWJyYXJ5LmN1bHR1cmFsc2VydmljZXMubmV0L3dlYmluZ3Jlcy9iZWRmb3Jkc2hpcmUvdmxpYi8wLmJvb2tzX3JlYWRpbmcvZW1hZ2F6aW5lcy5odG0ifQ.2Qe_g5aqX0O0DOPT64JBnzKAhI1sZpxBh-ndgH0CNGQ/br/77907246314-l) on via RBDigital . There are titles for all the family. 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**Online Library Service**



**Online Safety –**