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Safeguarding: Information for parents during the closure of Wootton Upper School and Kimberley College

Contacting the Pastoral Team

Safeguarding our young people remains our top priority here at Wootton Academy Trust and as such, we want to ensure that you as parents and carers feel able to communicate effectively with the pastoral team should you need us during the closure.

Queries about Free School Meals can be directed to the safeguarding email as necessary.

Key contacts are outlined below:

- ❖ SEND (Wootton Upper and Kimberley College)
  SEND@wootton.beds.sch.uk

- ❖ Safeguarding (Wootton Upper and Kimberley College)
  safeguarding@wootton.beds.sch.uk

- ❖ Year 12 and 13 Pastoral (Kimberley College)
  kimberleypastoral@wootton.beds.sch.uk

- ❖ Year 9 Pastoral Team (Wootton Upper)
  Year9pastoral@wootton.beds.sch.uk

- ❖ Year 10 Pastoral Team (Wootton Upper)
  Year10pastoral@wootton.beds.sch.uk

- ❖ Year 11 Pastoral Team (Wootton Upper)
  Year11pastoral@wootton.beds.sch.uk

- ❖ Wider Pastoral Concerns
  cmcmorn@wootton.beds.sch.uk

We have explicitly advised staff that they should not communicate with parents and carers via social media and have asked them to not respond if approached. Please do not be offended when you do not receive a response via social media.

Additional Contact Information

In addition to support provided by staff employed by Wootton Academy Trust, there are further services which can be accessed independently.

Safeguarding:

If you believe a child or young person is being abused or mistreated or you have concerns about the safety or welfare of a child, you must speak to someone immediately.

Bedford Borough:

You can ring the Integrated Front Door (previously known as MASH) on 01234 718700 (office hours) or 0300 300 8123 (out of hours)

Central Bedfordshire:

You can ring the Access and Referral Hub on 0300 300 8585 (office hours) or 0300 300 8123 (out of hours)

In the case of an emergency, please call 999.

Wellbeing:

Kooth is an online counselling and emotional well-being platform for children and young people, accessible through mobile, tablet and desktop and free at the point of use.

www.kooth.com

Childline provide a variety of resources including their online 1-2-1 Counsellor Chat where you can chat with a counsellor about anything that is worrying you.

https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/1-2-1-counsellor-chat/

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Young Minds have provided a number of strategies to support you if the current news about coronavirus is making you feel anxious, stressed or concerned.

https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/what-to-do-if-you-re-anxious-about-coronavirus/

Staying Safe Online

As our young people have reduced social contact during the coronavirus outbreak and increased opportunities to spend time online, please take the time to remind your child to stay safe online.

❖ It is important that young people are aware of the impact that their online activity can have on both themselves and other people, as well as the digital footprint they create on the internet. It is easy to feel anonymous online and it's important that young people are aware of who can view, and potentially share, the information that they have posted. It is important to keep personal information safe and not share it with strangers.

❖ Some online content is not suitable for children and may be hurtful or harmful. This is true for content accessed and viewed via social networks, online games, blogs and websites. It is also important for young people to consider the reliability of online material and be aware that it might not be true or written with a bias.

❖ It is important for young people to realise that new friends made online may not be who they say they are and that once a friend is added to an online account, they may be sharing their personal information with them. Regularly reviewing friends lists and removing unwanted contacts is a useful step. Privacy settings online may also allow a young person or parent to customise the information that each friend is able to access. Cyberbullying can be reported online and offline. It is important to reinforce the importance of telling a trusted adult straight away if someone is bullying them or making them feel uncomfortable, or if one of their friends is being bullied online.

If you or your child has any concerns regarding online safety, please contact the relevant pastoral or safeguarding email address.