

Dear parent/carer,

**Please find below a letter from Kooth about wellbeing support for students and families during the holiday period.**

With the winter break fast approaching, at Kooth Digital Health we appreciate there will be some young people who may struggle during the holidays without the access to the daily pastoral support, teaching staff and friends that the school community provides. Seasonal illness and the closure of many services at this time of year can also lead to extended wait times for support across both adult and young people's NHS and community services.

**WE ARE STILL HERE.**

Kooth Digital Health offers free and anonymous therapeutic mental health and wellbeing support to young people in Dorset aged between **11-18**. Funded and endorsed by the NHS Dorset Integrated Care Board, our services remain available over the winter period, offering 'on the day' wellbeing support from the comfort of your own home, via any web-enabled device via the following website-

[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)



Kooth offers free access to online text-based practitioner chats, self help tools and activities, journal spaces and advice from our non-judgemental, safe and moderated peer:peer communities.

With no threshold, waiting list or referral process, young people in Dorset can access support for ANY issues they may be experiencing. These may include; body image, self-esteem, loneliness, bereavement, academic pressures, stress, anxiety, friendships, sexuality, life changes etc.

The registration process is quick, anonymous and safe, simply by registering at [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com) using non-identifiable information.

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 device.

If you have any questions regarding the service, please speak to the school or if you would prefer to contact Kooth directly, simply email [parents@kooth.com](mailto:parents@kooth.com). A selection of Parent/Carer resources can be accessed using this link: [Kooth. Parent & Carer resources](#)