

HEALTHY HEADS NEWSLETTER

South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust Spring/Summer 2024

Who Are We?

The Healthy Heads Team is a Mental Health Support Team based in Schools across Sunderland. We offer early intervention to help children, young people and their families who have mild to moderate mental health difficulties.

HEALTHY HEADS UPDATE

The Healthy Heads team would like to say a big well done to everyone who completed their SATs and GCSEs You've shown amazing resilience in overcoming the stress that can come with sitting exams!

As the academic year wraps up, we would like to wish all families a fantastic summer. Take time to relax and enjoy!

To all of the soon to be new year 7s, look out for Healthy Heads in your new secondary schools and remember we're here to support you if needed.







We're thrilled to share the success of the peer support programme in South Hylton Primary Academy. Students have been amazing at supporting each other, building a caring community in the school.



have given great on the Exam Stress support session



Loneliness Awareness Week raises awareness of loneliness and empowers everyone to make connections across the UK and worldwide. It can be as simple as a chat in a queue, smiling at a neighbour, reaching out to a friend, or signing up to a new activity.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10TH 16TH JUNE: CARERS WEEK

9TH & 29TH JUNE - SUNDERLAND PRIDE

10TH-16TH JUNE: LONELINESS AWARENESS WEEK

26TH – 30TH JUNE – WORLD WELLBEING WEEK

24TH JULY - SAMARITANS AWARENESS DAY/ THE BIG LISTEN



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Moving on up...

Moving up to the next school year or joining a new school can be both exciting and a bit nervewracking. Here are some top tips to help you make a smoother transition



- Practise your route to school
- Make sure your uniform and equipment is good to go!
- Have a look at your new school website to familiarise yourself
- Use grounding techniques to help manage anxious feelings
- Focus on the positives of new experiences and remember that it's okay to feel nervous

SQUARE BREATHING 1 2 3 4 breathe in for 4 seconds 3 hold for phil h hold for seconds seconds breathe out for 4 seconds 3 5-4-3-2-1 GROUNDING TECHNIQUE FOR ANXIETY & STRESS E 5 THINGS YOU CAN SEE 4 THINGS YOU CAN HEAR **3 THINGS YOU CAN FEEL**



2 THINGS YOU CAN SMELL

1 THING YOU CAN TASTE

Service Feedback

IT HELPS QUITE A BIT WITH YOUR MENTAL HEALTH AND THEY SUPPORT YOU ON WHAT YOU DO

MY SON HAS REALLY ENJOYED HIS GROUP, IT HAS REALLY INCREASED HIS CONFIDENCE. HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO TALK TO US ABOUT HIS FEELINGS AND ITS BEEN GREAT FOR HIM TO KNOW HE IS NOT ALONE. BEING ABLE TO TALK OPENLY ABOUT MY OWN EXPERIENCES AND NOT FEELING JUDGED. ALSO NOT FEELING ALONE IN YOUR EXPERIENCES, FEELING LESS ISOLATE.

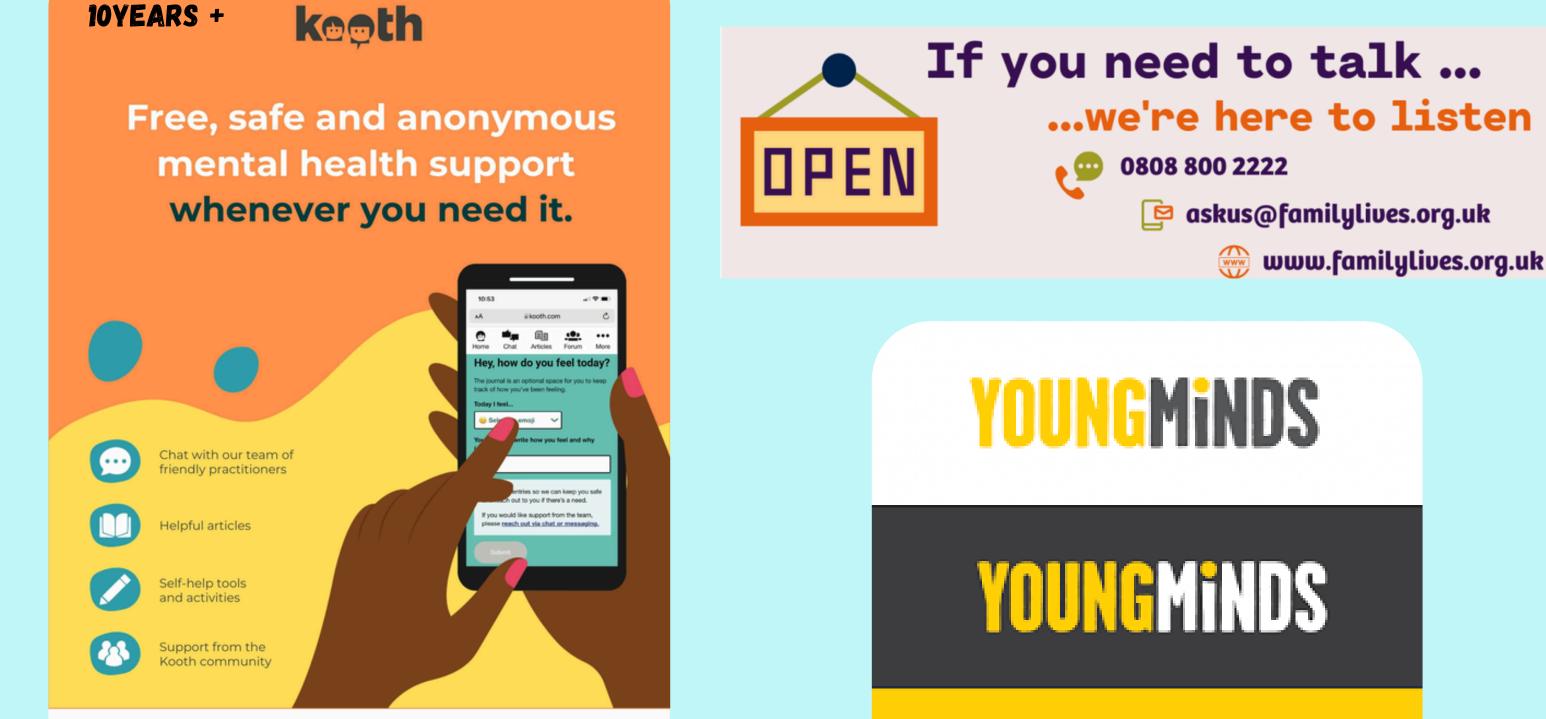
THAT IT REALLY HELPED ME OVERCOME MANY THINGS AND HAS HELPED SO MUCH TO SPEAK OUT

FELT LIKE I HAD SOMEONE TO TALK TO AND HELP ME MANAGE WITH MY OVERTHINKING/WORRIES. There



Further Support...





Visit **kooth.com** to find out more



A registered charity

SAMARITANS Here if you need us Talk to us, we'll listen

Call free day or night on **116 123**

YOUNGMINDS

For 7-12 year olds An intergalactic adventure game to fight fears & manage worries

Playing Lumi Nova helps children face their fears, build confidence & resilience





South Tyneside and Sunderland



Problem Sleeping?

Call our National Sleep Helpline, open **7pm-9pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings and 9am-11am Monday and Wednesday mornings**.

03303 530 541

