

Coronavirus: mental health and wellbeing resources

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School staff wellbeing

Looking after each other & ourselves - the Anna Freud Centre

A guide to supporting the mental health and wellbeing of staff at schools and colleges during periods of disruption.

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Supporting staff wellbeing booklet - the Anna Freud Centre

This booklet offers practical guidance about what school staff and senior leaders can do to support their own and their colleagues' wellbeing.

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7 tips for headteachers coping with the coronavirus pandemic - Education Support

A headteacher shares 7 tips for headteachers and leaders on how to face this incredibly challenging situation in a blog post.

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Staff mental health calendar - TheSchoolBus

This calendar has daily tips for members of staff to try to reduce their work-associated stress and improve their overall wellbeing.

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Vulnerable children and children with SEND

Supporting children who may be especially vulnerable - Place2Be

Two Principal Educational Psychologists suggest some ways to support children who may be especially vulnerable at this time.

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Coronavirus information - Makaton

Information about the coronavirus translated into Makaton symbols.

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COVIBOOK - Mindheart

This illustrated story and workbook is available in 25 different languages and can be printed out for children to draw on. The story anticipates the emotional world of children as they experience coronavirus. It has been created for children age 2-7 but would be appropriate for children with SEND.

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Coronavirus social story - Carol Gray

This 'social story' has been written to help communicate coronavirus to autistic children, presenting the information in a literal way.

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Easy read information on Covid-19 - Mencap

Mencap have produced an easy read guide to coronavirus which is accessible for people with a learning disability to understand and read.

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Tips for coping with OCD during the coronavirus pandemic - YoungMinds

A blog post about how a young person with OCD has experienced coronavirus and some tips on how to cope.

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Tips for coping - OCD Action

OCD Action has put together some helpful tips for those struggling during this particularly challenging time.

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Coping with an eating disorder during coronavirus - YoungMinds

Hope Virgo, an author and mental health campaigner, shares advice on how to deal with coronavirus, which may pose unique challenges for people with eating disorders.

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More resources for mental health and wellbeing

Resources for anxiety, stress and Covid-19 - Safe Hands Thinking Minds

Some resources to support children and adults around anxiety, worry, stress, and fears; including specific Covid-19.

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Protecting your mental health - Carers UK

These tips are designed to help both you and those you care for look after yourselves and protect your mental wellbeing.

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How to keep mentally healthy during uncertain times - Action for Happiness

These ideas and examples can help you find ways to look after your wellbeing during the coronavirus outbreak.

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5 tips for staying mentally well - Dr Pooky Knightsmith

A video by Dr Pooky Knightsmith where she discusses the various ways you can look after your mental health at this time.

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Helplines

SHOUT - text 'Shout' to 85258 for 24/7 crisis text support

Childline - under 19s can call 0800 1111 for free, confidential support

Education Support - school staff can call 08000 562 561 or text 07909 341229 for 24/7 help and advice

Other helpful toolkits:

- **Responding to the coronavirus: resources for mental health and wellbeing (19/03/20)**
- **World Mental Health Day 2019**
- **Winter Wellbeing**