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Supporting the mental health of children and young people in your school community

Hello and welcome to <u>Kooth's</u> **October newsletter for education staff.** We hope you're well and that the academic year is off to a great start.

It's <u>World Mental Health Day</u> on Tuesday, 10 October. According to the NHS, <u>1 in 6</u> <u>children</u> have identified as likely having a mental health problem, which is why it's vital that we continue to raise awareness of mental health. To kick-start a conversation with your students, why not share one of our <u>young people's lived experience poetry videos</u>?

You can also book one of our free information webinars below, or access the following helpful resources:

- **Talking to students about mental health**: Check out our <u>five top tips</u> for talking with your students about mental health.
- Lived experience content to support Black and Black mixed race young people: Take a look at our spotlighted <u>articles</u> of the month about experiencing difficulties around colourism and navigating being mixed heritage.
- **Black History Month content**: This October, we'd recommend keeping an eye out on our <u>Instagram</u>, as we'll be releasing supportive content throughout the month.

Upcoming live KoothTalks webinars

As a school/college, you can book a 30-minute session to stream live to students:

- How Kooth promotes and supports staying safe online
 - Mon 13 Nov, <u>10-10.30am</u> or <u>2-2.30pm</u>
 - Fri 17 Nov, <u>10-10.30am</u> or <u>2-2.30pm</u>

We're also running free KoothTalks webinars aimed at professionals that explain how <u>Kooth</u> can support students:

- How Kooth and Qwell provide mental health support for LGBTQ+ identities
 - <u>Wed 11 Oct, 11am-12pm</u>
 - o <u>Thurs 12 Oct, 3.30-4.30pm</u>
 - How Kooth and Qwell support marginalised identities
 - o <u>Mon 23 Oct, 12-1pm</u>
 - o <u>Thurs 26 Oct, 5-6pm</u>
- Kooth and Qwell: suicide prevention and awareness
 - o <u>Tues 21 Nov, 1-2pm</u>
 - o <u>Wed 29 Nov 4-5pm</u>

Please share details of this KoothTalks webinar aimed at parents and carers:

- How Kooth promotes and supports staying safe online
 - Mon 6 Nov, <u>12-1pm</u> or <u>6-7pm</u>

You can view our bank of past webinars focused on topics like **'How Kooth and Qwell can** support male mental health', on our <u>Vimeo</u>.

Kooth Mental Wellness Assemblies

You can book a **free Kooth mental wellness assembly** at your location.

This will cover:

- What mental health is
- What can prevent young people from seeking support
- Free and anonymous mental health support available via Kooth
- Top tips for looking after your mental health

Contact your local Kooth Engagement Lead if you would like to book an assembly for your students:

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We are the largest provider to the NHS for digital mental health services and the largest contributor to the <u>MHSDS</u>. Our youth and adolescent service is available to over 62% of all children and young people in the UK. Our adult service is available in 20+ regions across the UK. Alongside this, we deliver pioneering research and work to establish the evidence base for Kooth to contribute to best practice in digital mental health innovation - this is really important to us. We have innovated in developing bespoke clinically-validated measures around peer to peer interaction and our single session therapeutic model. We are a BACP Accredited Service.

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