

## LeAF Studio

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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Safeguarding and Pastoral Care Arrangements in Case of Full or Partial School Closure**

As a school our priority is always for the safety of the children in our care. As we approach an uncertain time for schools and closure due to government directive or staff shortages, I am writing to explain how we aim to continue serving our students if the necessity arises. Please share this information with your child.

You will also receive an information sheet (attached) providing details of contacts which can be used to support your children whilst school is shut. During the current crisis we expect there to be an impact on mental health and the services listed in the attached sheet should be available to help in such cases.

In making these plans we are ensuring that as far as we can and where there is need we are supporting those pupils who may need it whilst maintaining robust safeguarding procedures for staff and pupils. Our Safeguarding Leads will continue to keep an overview of all processes and will be in regular contact with pastoral staff to ensure that everything is working correctly and students are being supported.

#### **If you are concerned for the safety of a child:**

If you become concerned about a child and their wellbeing you should take the following steps:

- If a child is in imminent danger of harm the advice is always to call 999 - the emergency services and report your concerns.
- If you or your child becomes concerned for another child then please contact [nlapskas@leaf.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:nlapskas@leaf.bournemouth.sch.uk)

This email addresses will be monitored throughout school hours – 8:40 to 15:00 - during term time, Monday to Friday. We will respond to any emails which are sent to it. All contacts made in this way will be assessed by the school safeguarding team and next steps taken accordingly, as if the report was made to us in school.

I am confident that by employing these steps we will be able to support those pupils who require it and keep our focus on safeguarding children from home during periods of school closure.

Thank you for your support and understanding throughout this period and please rest assured we will do all we can to support your children and guard their safety at all times.

Yours sincerely



Nadine Lapskas  
**Principal**

## **Listed below are organisations that you may find helpful**

### **SAFEGUARDING**

#### **Social Services**

If you have concerns about the safety and wellbeing of a child or young person. A wide range of information, services and support in the area of children and young people's social services.

**BCP MASH: 01202 735046      Out of hours social care 01202 738256**  
**Dorset MASH: 01202 228866      Out of hours social care 01305 228558**

#### **Childline**

Online, on the phone, Anytime.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>      **0800 11 11**

#### **NSPCC Mental health:**

Advice if you're struggling with your mental health.

**0808 800 5000**

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/>

#### **Contact**

For families with disabled children.

<https://contact.org.uk/>      **0808 808 3555**

#### **Barnardo's**

Every child has a right to a safe childhood.

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/>

#### **Samaritans**

Providing emotional support to anyone in emotional distress.

<https://www.samaritans.org/>      **116 123**      [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org) (response time:24 hours)

#### **Papyrus**

Prevention of young suicide.

<https://papyrus-uk.org/>      **0800 068 4141**

## **SUPPORT WITH MENTAL HEALTH**

### **CAMHS**

For children and young people's emotional health and wellbeing.

**Poole: 01202 584600**  
**Bournemouth: 01202 646300**  
**Dorset: 0300 123 5440**

<https://camhsdorset.org/>

### **Young minds**

Fighting for young people's mental health.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/> **020 7089 5050**

### **Kidscape**

Help with bullying.

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/> **020 7823 5430**

### **Kooth**

Free, Safe and anonymous online support for young people.

<https://kooth.com/>

## **YOUTH SUPPORT**

### **Chat Health**

Chat Health is a confidential text messaging service that enables children and young people (aged 11-19) to contact their local public health nursing (school nursing) team.

**07480 635511**

### **Number 18**

Providing confidential information and advice for young people aged 12 to 19 in Poole.

**Email [info@upinpoole.co.uk](mailto:info@upinpoole.co.uk) 01202 262291**

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### Sussed

Providing confidential information and advice for young people aged 12 to 19 in Kinson / Bournemouth.

Email [iys@bcpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:iys@bcpcouncil.gov.uk) **01202 451100**

<https://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/childreducation/YouthService/advice-centres/sussed-youth-advice-centre.aspx>

### 507

Providing confidential information and advice for young people aged 12 to 19 in Boscombe / Bournemouth.

Email [iys@bcpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:iys@bcpcouncil.gov.uk) **01202 451100**

<https://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/childreducation/YouthService/advice-centres/the-507.aspx>

## FAMILY SUPPORT

### EARLY HELP

Accessing the right help at the right time for children and young people.

**Poole:** **01202 262626**  
**Bournemouth:** **01202 456884**  
**Dorset:** **01202 225710**

### FID (Family Information Directory)

Helping families to find local childcare, services and activities.

<https://www.fid.bcpcouncil.gov.uk/kb5/poole/fis/home.page> **01202 261999**

### Family Lives

We build better family lives together.

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/> **0808 800 2222**

## **WEBSITES**

### **Moodjuice**

Self help guides with advice to those experiencing troublesome thoughts, feelings and actions.

<https://www.moodjuice.scot.nhs.uk/>

### **Harmless**

Harmless is a user led organisation that provides a range of services about self harm and suicide prevention including support, information, training and consultancy to people who self harm, their friends and families and professionals and those at risk of suicide.

<http://www.harmless.org.uk/>

## **APPS**

**Calm harm** – Self harm prevention.

**MindShift** – Mental health and wellbeing support.

**Headspace** – Mental health and wellbeing support.