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Health tips for young people

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HEALTH & WELLBENG







This digital health magazine is a summary of the services and information available to you.

Growing up can be tough but it can also be lots of fun! If you have any concerns over your health, you can talk to your family, talk to your friends, look up information on the Health For Teens website, text Chat Health or ask in school. Do not worry alone, a worry shared, is the first step.

The Health
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### **HEALTH TEENS**

**EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT** 

HEALTH RELATIONSHIPS FEELINGS LIFESTYLE GROWING UP

**BUT DIDN'T WANT TO ASK** 

### WWW.HEALTHFORTEENS.CO.UK



I did not know who to ask, so I had a look on the website.

Health For Teens Website is full of information for young people. If you need advice or want to know more about something, give it a try.

There is so much information, I am glad I looked.



It was easy to use and I found the information straight away!



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SLEEP



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It is important to take some responsibility for our own health.



As a nation we need to eat better and move more!



IT'S ALL ABOUT
GETTING THE
BALANCE RIGHT!



### **SUGAR QUIZ**

- 1. What is the recommended maximum amount of sugar a 12 year old should have?
- a) 24 grams
- b) 30 grams
- c) 32 grams



- 2. Which drink contains more sugar?
- a) A can of coke
- b) A bottle of flavoured water
- c) A take away strawberry milkshake
- 3. How much sugar is in an average 500ml can of energy drink?
- a) 32 grams
- b) 48 grams
- c) 55 grams

- 4. How much exercise would you need to burn off the calories in an energy drink?
- a) 41 minutes of running
- b) 47 minutes of swimming
- c) 101 minutes of walking
- 5. How much sugar is in an average large take away hot chocolate?
- a) 20 grams
- b) 32 grams
- c) 48 grams
- 6. Which biscuit contains the most sugar?
- a) Custard Creams
- b) Bourbons
- c) Chocolate Digestive
- d) Jaffa Cakes
- e) Shortbread Finger



# YOU ARE WHAT YOU ELLE



Keeping our meals and snacks varied not only makes our food more interesting but it ensures we are feeding our body with the range of vitamins and minerals that we need.









www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/food-guidelines-and-food-labels/the-eatwell-guide/

### Easy One Pot Pasta Makes 4 Portions

#### Ingredients

300g Dry pasta - any shape

- 1 Tin Chopped tomatoes or pasta sauce 200ml Water
- 1 Onion finely chopped
- 1 Garlic glove crushed

Any vegetables for example mushrooms, courgettes, peppers, tomatoes, spinach, broccoli

### Recipe

- 1. Add dry pasta to a pan
- 2. Add all the ingredients
- 3. Cook till the pasta is soft to your liking!

**Optional extras:** try adding some cooked chicken, ham or bacon and sprinkling some cheese on top.

Top tip! Don't forget you can freeze the extra portions for another day.

#### Omelette Makes 1 Portion

#### Ingredients

3 Eggs

1 Teaspoon Butter

**Optional extras:** try adding some cooked chicken, ham or bacon and sprinkling some cheese on top.

#### Recipe

- 1. Crack the eggs in to a bowl and beat them together
- 2. Heat the butter in a frying pan
- 3. Pour in the eggs
- 4. Optional: Sprinkle over your filling. (cheese, meat or vegetables etc).
- 5. Once the egg is firm, remove from the pan and enjoy!

Be adventurous and try different fillings.



# OOKING AFTER



- 1. Brush teeth twice a day, for 2 minutes using a fluoride toothpaste. Spit out excess toothpaste and do not rinse with water remember to turn the tap off!
- 2. Limit sugary food and drinks to mealtimes only.
- 3. Visit a dentist regularly for a mouth check.

Maintaining a healthy mouth is as simple as 1. 2. 3

Find an NHS **Dentist** at www.NHS.uk or Call 111

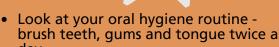


**BAD BREATH** 



- 1. Lick the inside of your wrist.
- 2. Smell it! That is what your breath smells
- 3. If you think your breath smells bad try these top tips:
- Consider using floss.
- Avoid strong smelling foods for
- Talk to your dentist or GP.

### Check with the lick and sniff test!



example garlic.

### **60 MINUTE MORNING TIMETABLE**

7:30 - WAKE UP

7:35 HAVE A STRETCH

7:40 ROLL OUT OF BED

7:45 HAVE A SHOWER

7:50 BRUSH TEETH

7:55 GET READY FOR THE DAY

8:10 HAVE BREAKFAST

8:30 GRAB BAG & GO TO SCHOOL



### **HELP, DO I SMELL?**



Our body omits odours throughout the day. Exercise, sleeping and daily activities can make us sweat more. It is important we wash our bodies every day.

B.O. (Body Odour) is a common worry. It can normally be treated by doing one of the following:



- 1, Wash regularly remember to use soap under your armpits, groin and feet at least once a day and remember to dry yourself thoroughly.
- 2, Use antiperspirants and deodorants on clean skin. change and wash your clothes regularly, it could be your clothes that smell and not you.
- 3, Wearing natural fabrics like cotton, wool and silk might help.



### **SPOTS**

Spots develop when your skin produces too much oil. Spots can be more common due to hormonal changes during puberty. There are some things you can do to

- Make sure you wash your face everyday.
- Avoid using too much makeup and make sure you remove it well at the end of the day.
- Have a bath or shower daily to remove sweat as this can irritate the skin.
- Eat a varied healthy balanced diet-including 5 portions of fruit and vegetables daily.
- Keep well hydrated-drink 6-8 glasses of water daily.

If you need any support or further information, speak to your pharmacist or GP.

# LOOKING AFTER YOUR IN

Top Tips for a healthy mind

### 1. TALK

- It's really important that we all keep talking.
- Regularly contact with friends and family.
- If you have any worries or concerns you could contact someone at school or a health professional.
- ChatHealth Text Messaging Service: 07507 329952.



### 2.DON'T DWELL

We all need to find ways to deal with stressful situations and worries. It is important to remember there is no point spending time and energy on hypothetical situations (situations that may not happen).

### 3. TAKE TIME TO REFLECT

Write it down!

A journal could be really useful.

You could challenge your thoughts - are they really worth worrying about?

### 4. BE PRESENT

Mindfulness is about stopping, listening, being still and most importantly being present in the moment.

Here are some great breathing exercises to help. The best bit is you can do them anytime, anywhere:

### The Worry Tree

1.Notice the worry

2. Ask what am I worrying about?

3. Can I do something about it?

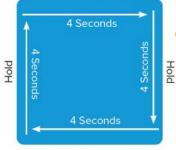


Let the worry go Make a plan of action

Think about something else for a while







Breathe out

For information and support, visit: www.youngminds.org.uk





### Top tips:

- Deal with any worries before bedtime talk to someone or write it down and make a plan.
- Turn your devices off at least 30 minutes before bed— we know it's hard but we also know that screen time will effect our length and quality of sleep.
- Try and trick your brain! Dim the lights earlier and get as much natural light as you can during the day!
- Slow down! Life is so busy, our mind is always on the go but we need to find time to settle down and get some good quality sleep.

Why do I need more sleep? Why can't I sleep more? How can I improve my sleep?

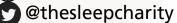
**HEALTH TEENS** 

www.healthforteens.co.uk

It's quite simple really.
We want you to get the support you need to achieve a good night's sleep.

Sleep Hub

m<u>www.teensleephub.org.uk</u>

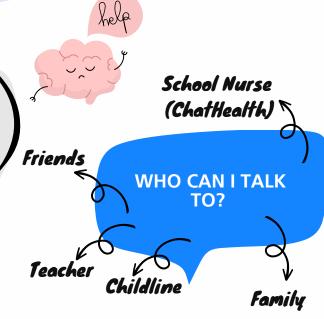


@thesleepcharity



# LONELINESS

You could be stood in a room full of people yet feel completely lost and on your own.





IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO TO MAKE MYSELF FEEL BETTER?

- 1. Start a journal
- 2. Try a hobby
- 3. Go outside for some fresh air!
- **4.** Don't be afraid to smile and say Hi!
- 5. Look out for volunteering opportunities

IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP A FRIEND?

Remember to ask if they are ok, if they say yes, ask them again. The best thing you could do is really listen to them, giving them your full attention and little signs to let them know you are listening and hearing them.

### Try using the HEAR acronym:



Halt - give them your full attention.



Engage - look at them and nod to show you are listening.



Analyse - pause and reflect on what they have said.



**Respond -** summarise or repeat back what they have said.

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Find someone you can trust and if that's not possible call **Childline 0800 1111.**There will always be someone who wants to listen to you.
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We are never alone no matter how lonely we sometimes feel.

# PEER PRESSURE & BULLYING



# Are you being bullied at school?

- Do not deal with it on your own tell someone; a parent, teacher or friend.
- 2. **Do not give up -** keep telling someone until something is done.
- 3. **Try not to react** to the bully. If they get a reaction they may be more likely to continue.
- 4. **Keep a diary**; include dates, times, brief description of what happened and any witnesses.

Remember, you have the right to go to school and feel safe and the school has a duty to keep you safe.

### ONLINE GAMING

Remember it is **NOT** ok to be rude to someone online. Gaming should be a fun and safe environment but it is important to note that you could be an easy target for bullies!

### What can you do?

- 1. Avoid playing with strangers.
- 2. Try to stay calm.
- 3. Tell someone friends, family and the game moderator; they may get banned from the game.

### THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO DO IS TALK, TALK, TALK!

Find someone you can trust and if that's not possible call **Childline 0800 1111** 

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### CYBER BULLYING

If you or anyone you know is a victim of cyber bullying, you need to act now!

- 1. Tell someone a parent, teacher or trusted adult.
- 2. Block them from your phone and all social media.
- 3. Adjust your privacy settings so you can control who sees your profiles.

For help: www.bullying.co.uk



# RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Try a cigarette, it's only one!

When it comes to risky behaviours – remember we have a choice! It might seem like everyone is trying it and enjoying it but that's not true!

Have a go...

VAPE

Just have a sip!







Should I try...?

ALCOHOL

Taking any illegal, legal highs or performance enhancers is risky.

No-one knows how your body will react and you won't really know what you are actually taking! Most legal highs are a mixture of chemicals that were never meant for human consumption.

### FOR INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

Don't be AFRAID to SAY no



Health for Teens
www.healthforteens.co.uk









## FIRST AID TIPS

### If you get a blister you should:

#### What To Do

- try not to wear the shoes that caused your blister if you can.
- always wash your hands before touching a blister.
- allow the liquid in a blister to drain before putting on a plaster or dressing.

### What Not To Do

- · do not burst a blister.
- do not pick the skin off a burst blister.



### If you or a friend has a nose bleed you should:

- 1. Sit down and lean forward.
- Tilt your head forward.
- 3. Pinch your nose just above your nostrils for about 15 minutes.
- 4. Breathe through your mouth.
- 5. You can also hold something cold like an icepack or a bag of frozen peas wrapped in a tea towel on the top of the nose area to reduce the blood flow.

### **How to Manage Seizures**

You see someone having a seizure or fit. It might be scary to witness, but do not panic. Here are some simple things you can do to help:

- only move them if they're in danger.
- cushion their head if they're on the ground.
- loosen any tight clothing around their neck, such as a collar or tie, to aid breathing.
- turn them on to their side after their convulsions stop.
- stay with them and talk to them calmly until they recover.
- note the time the seizure starts and finishes.

Fainting is when you pass out for a short time. It's not usually a sign of something serious, but if it happens regularly you should see a GP. Fainting usually happens suddenly. Symptoms can include:

- dizziness.
- cold skin and sweating.
- · slurred speech.
- feeling sick.
- changes to your vision.

If you would like to know more about first aid, why not have a look at these websites:

www.nhs.uk

www.sja.org.uk

www.redcross.org.uk



If you're not completely confident, only attempt hands-only CPR.

### **Hands-only CPR**

Step 1: Shake and shout

Step 2: Call 999

**Step 3:** Give chest compressions

**Step 4:** Keep going until help arrives



Watch the video to learn more...

https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-youcan-help/how-to-save-a-life/howto-do-cpr



If a person is unconscious but is breathing and has no other life-threatening conditions, they should be placed in the recovery position.

https://www.nhs.uk/tests-and-treatments/first-aid/recovery-position/



# BEING ORGANISED



Being organised is good for many reasons.

Having a checklist for school helps us remember things such as P E Kit, books, pens etc.

Having a checklist for home can be helpful too!





Setting time for fun stuff and for homework can make sure we enjoy ourselves and also do the things we need to.

Why not make a checklist and see how you get on. You can make yourself a chart or use your phone!





# USEFUL CONTACTS



A free health website for young people living in Nottinghamshire.



WWW.HEALTHFORTEENS.CO.UK

### **ADVICE LINE**

HELP!

A free confidential telephone service for families with children aged 0-19 years living in Nottinghamshire.

0300 123 5436



## HEALTH AND WELLBEING

YOUR HEALTH NOTTS is a FREE healthy eating and wellbeing support for families.

TEXT:

FAMILY to 62277 Call: 0115 7722 515

### **Young Carer Notts**

For help and support...



WWW.YOUNGCARERSNOTTS.CO.UK



### **NottAlone**

For local mental health advice... www.nottalone.org.uk



### ChatHealth

A free confidential text messaging service for young people aged 11-19 years living in Nottinghamshire.

Text: 07507 329952



### **ANXIETY SUPPORT**

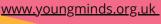
### KOOTH

Free online counselling for Young People.
<a href="https://www.kooth.com">www.kooth.com</a>



**SCAN HERE** 

Young Minds







### Childline

Call: 0800 1111
Visit: www.childline.org.uk





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