

## Introduction to All About Me Journal

The last few weeks have seen a lot of changes for us all. As a result of the corona virus you may have been told you have to stay at home and not go out because someone in your family is ill. You may be going to school but with a lot fewer students, whilst your mum, dad or carer go to work. Whatever has happened for you it can be a confusing and scary time and it is OK and normal to feel worried. Remember the most important things you can do at the moment are to stay at home and wash your hands regularly.

If you are still worried, there are some blank pages in the journal where you can write these worries down which can help. You may want to share them with someone else in your house or someone you speak with on the phone.

At HeadStart we work with schools, young people and families to support mental health and wellbeing. We wanted to put together a journal which might offer some support and distraction during this time, there is no specific way to work through it, you can just pick a page you fancy and give it a go. You might also want to get other people in your household involved.

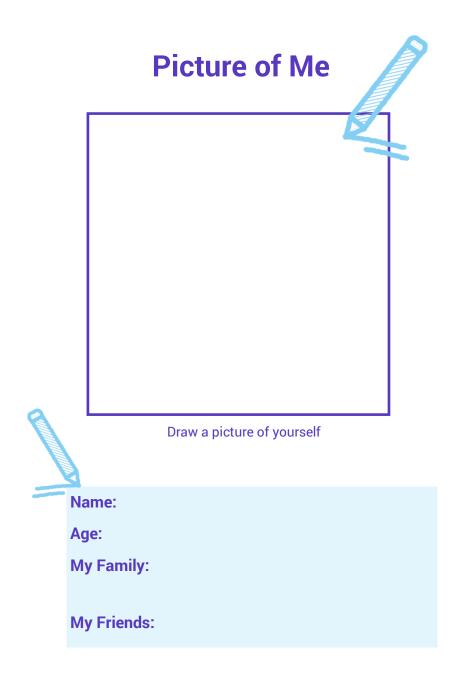
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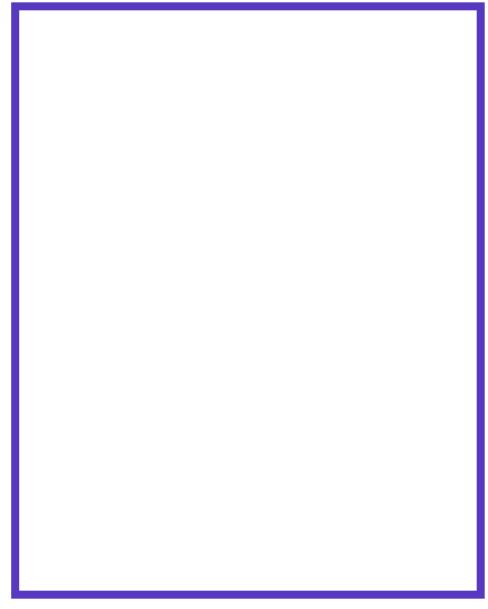


The Resilience Framework is a useful tool to help you think about your life and things that can help you build your resilience

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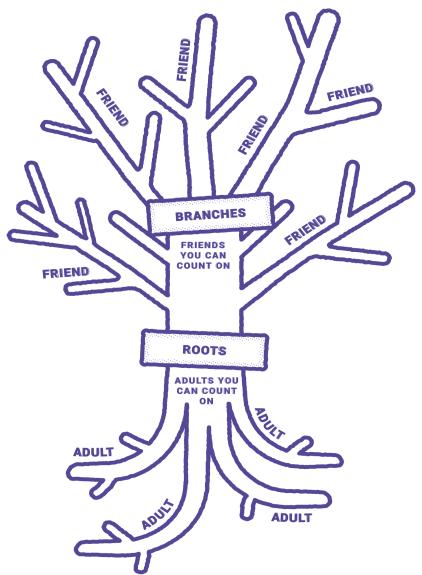
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# **My Worries/Concerns**



## **Friends and Family Tree**

Use this tree to write down the name of people you can count on. Your friends/siblings are the branches, the people you can count on and reach out to when you need to. The adults are roots, giving you stability and being there for you when you need them. You might even want to include pets as they can play an important role in helping you with your wellbeing.

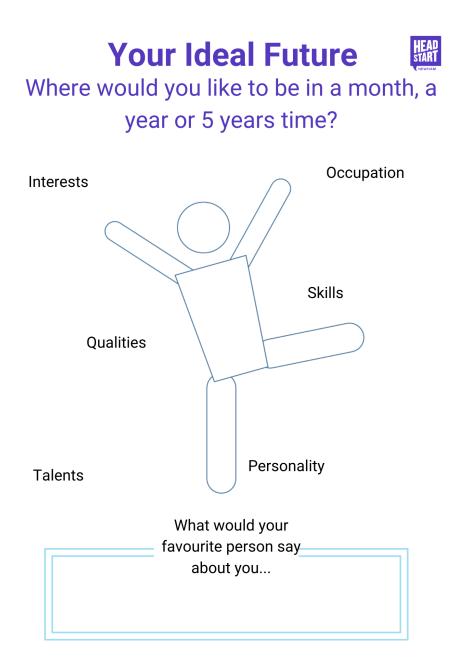




Self Care Tracker – Let's make a note of how often we do what makes us happy (shade each day depending on which activity on your list you do)

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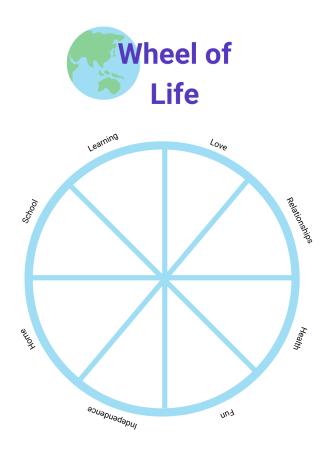
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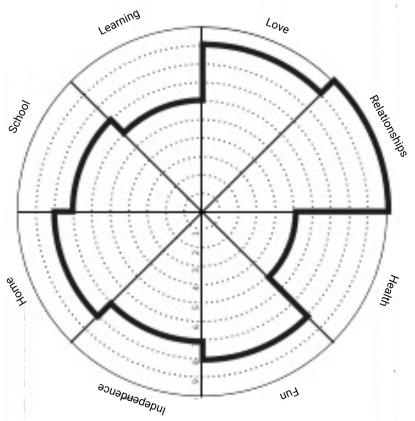
"Believe you can and you're halfway there" - Theodore Roosevelt



The wheel has eight sections, which represent the key areas of your life. The exercise gets you to think about how you feel about each part of your life. Imagine that the middle represents 0 and the outside edge represents 10, give each area a mark out of ten and then draw a line where you think it should go, creating a new edge to the circle (see example on the next page). How bumpy would the ride be if this wheel were real? Once you have finished all 10 sections you will see which areas you might need to make improvements in and set a target to think about what you can do. This will help you smooth your journey!

Why not create a vision board to help you imagine what your future could be? (Look at page 13)







#### **Goals:**

What would you like to improve based on your answers





# What will you do to achieve your goals: What changes would you make? Can anyone help you make them?



# HeadStart Vision Boarding



A vision board is a tool used to help clarify, concentrate and maintain focus on a specific life goal. Literally, a vision board is any sort of board on which you display images that represent whatever you want to be, do or have in your life. Identify your vision and give it clarity.



#### How to do it?

Think about something you want in the future. This could be something you can buy e.g. new trainers, something you can do e.g. rock climbing, something you can be e.g. a scientist.

Research your future goal! You can do this with online searches, reading magazines or newspapers, even looking in books around the house.

#### Visualise your future!

Create a picture board either electronically or on paper, cut and stick pictures that represent your goal onto a sheet of paper. Feel free to draw, paint or use creative writing on the vision board too.

#### Show it off!

When you are finished, display your board where you can see it. Send a picture of it to HeadStart.ResearchTeam@Newham.gov.uk so we can share it with others (if you want).

#### What you might need:

computer/phone/tablet, magazines/newspapers, pens, paper, scissors, glue



Draw a picture of a peaceful or quiet place you would like to visit, i.e: beach, space, park or nature.

Look at your picture and memorise everything about it. Now close your eyes and go to your peaceful or quiet place you have drawn, imagining all of the elements and senses around you, such as air, sand, sea or sounds of nature.

Taking deep breaths (breathe in for a count of 4 and out for a count of 7) throughout this time.

Look around you? What do you see? (using your imagination and taking deep breaths throughout)

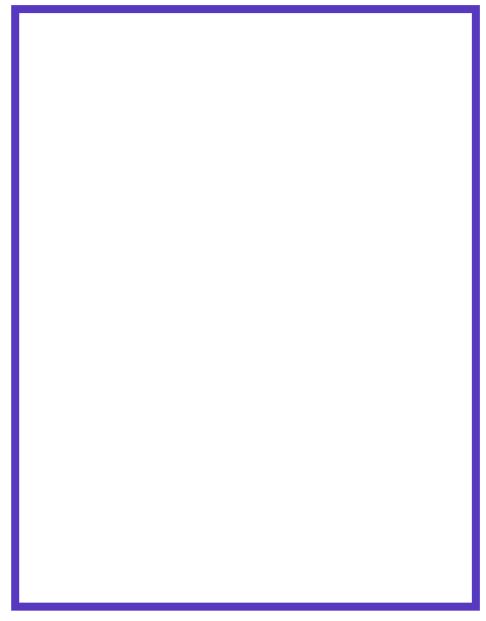
Take a few minutes and then return from your peaceful or quiet place. How did that exercise feel?

Keep your picture and visit your peaceful or quiet place, whenever you feel overwhelmed or too much is going on in your head.





## **Doodling And Free Writing**





"When we feel love and kindness toward others, it not only makes others feel loved and cared for, but it helps us also to develop inner happiness and peace." - The 14th Dalai Lama

## HeadStart Wellbeing Bingo

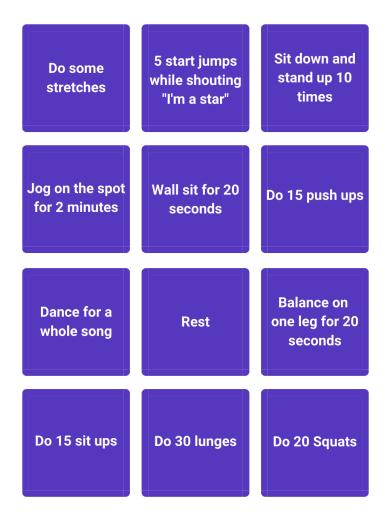
Get your friends and family involved. Once you've played, choose 3 well-being items you'll like to try and do each day. In the last week...



# HeadStart Fitness Bingo

Try to do 3 of these exercises a day and see which member of your family completes them first. Be careful and listen to your body.

Remember to shout 'BINGO'.





Movement is magic! Exercise releases feel-good hormones called endorphins which help us to boost our well-being and improve our physical and mental health! Being active is a great way to have a laugh and build your resilience. Everybody is different, so take your time and give these moves a go at your own pace, try to improve on them each week!

Before you get started, check in with an adult and let them know your plan. During the moves listen to your body, if it doesn't feel right, stop and take a break

Warm up! 1 minute of light jogging on the spot.

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#### **MOVE ONE: THE BURPEE**

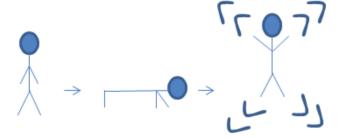
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Step 1: Start standing with your feet shoulder-width apart. Squat down and touch the floor with both hands. Now you are almost in a frog position. Step 2: Next, shoot your feet backward into a plank position (like the second diagram). Bring both legs forward back into frog position, and then lift your hands

from the floor so you are back into a standing squat position. Step 3: From the squat position, shoot your hands upward and jump as high as you

can. As you land, that is considered 1 repetition (Rep). Repeat the cycle! Go the extra mile!

For step 3 try to bring your knees to your chest and perform a tuck jump.





#### Duration: 1 minute

Stand up straight with your arms by your side and knees slightly bent. Jump up, extending your arms and legs out to make a star shape. Hold your tummy tight and look forward. Repeat this move for 1 minute and see how many star jump repetitions you can do! Go the extra mile!

Start from a crunched over position with knees bent and explode up and out into a star jump, returning to a small crouched position after each rep (aiming to get your hands and feet off the floor at the same time).



## MOVE THREE: THE LUNGE

#### **Duration: 1 minute**

Stand with your feet together and your hands by your sides or on your hips. Then step forward with one leg and sink down into your lunge (see diagram). As you lunge forward remember to keep the weight on your front leg and your knee directly above your toes. Make sure you keep your back and shoulders upright and look forward as you lunge. Hold for one or two seconds and then return to standing position. Repeat this move, alternating legs for 1 minute and see how many repetitions you can do! Go the extra mile! Grab two water bottles to hold as weights while you lunge.



# **Gent** 5 Minutes of **Movement**

#### **MOVE FOUR: THE SQUAT**

#### Duration: 1 minute

Stand with your feet hip-width apart and bend your knees and sit back as if lowering yourself onto a chair. Don't arch your back as you lower down. You can reach your arms out in front to maintain balance. Make sure your weight is not on your toes and squeeze your glutes (your bum) as you stand back up. Repeat this movement for 1 minute and write down how many squats you do!

Go the extra mile! The jump squat: Instead of standing back up from your squat do an explosive jump, bringing your hands from in front of you down to your sides to return back to your squat position.

#### **EXTRA MOVE : THE WALL SIT**

#### Duration: 1 minute

Get into your squat position (see 'squat' move) in front of a wall and then lean back so your entire back is against the wall and your legs are at a 90 degrees angle. Hold this position for as long as you can! Use a phone or stop watch to log your time. Why don't you challenge your parent, carer or sibling? Who can hold the pose the longest?



## How to do The #DailyMileAtHome

#### GET GOING WITH THE DAILY MILE AT HOME

Your children may already do The Daily Mile at school – if so, they will probably miss it. Ask them about it – they can explain how it works at school and why they do it. Discuss with them the best way to do The Daily Mile at Home.

BE SAFE. ALWAYS FOLLOW THE GOVERNMENT'S ADVICE ON GOING OUTSIDE

At the moment, the advice is to take exercise outdoors, once a day. Every time you're going outside, keep 2 metres from other people. Getting outside for some exercise and fresh air is good for physical and mental health.

#### HOW LONG TO BE OUTSIDE FOR

So, the first time you do it, check how long you were actually outside. You may feel that 15–20 minutes is enough for you. 10 minutes from your front door and 10 minutes back may work well for you. You may find you can do more; if so, keep yourself and others safe.

#### **STAYING AS LOCAL AS POSSIBLE**

Before you go out, decide on a route you know, from your front door. You may choose to go around in a circle or straight out and back the same way. It's very likely there are a few different routes you could try and use.

#### HOW TO GET MOVING - WALKING AND RUNNING

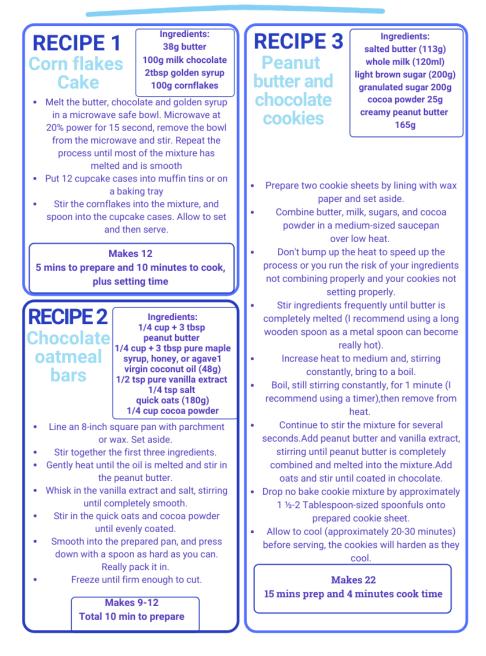
Everybody's different so it's up to you how to do it in the way that suits you best. Jogging, walking briskly, strolling – you will decide on your own pace. It's not a race. Stay in your bubble if there are others around – close to your household and don't split up. Keep it all relaxed and enjoy what you're doing

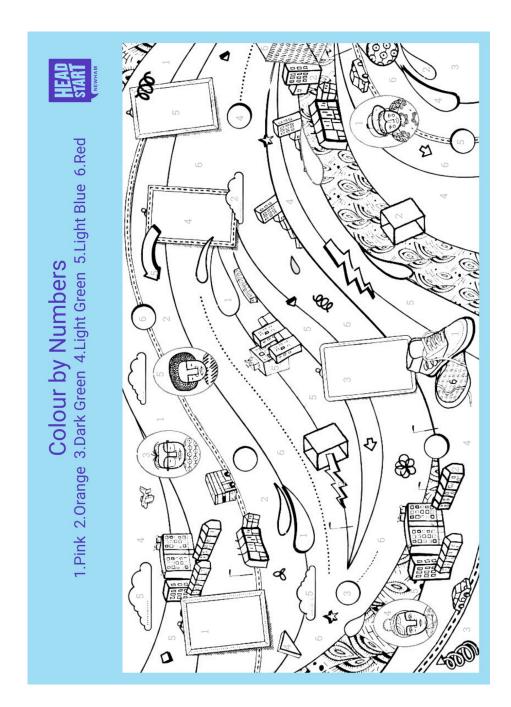
#### AND ALSO ...

Some people will change clothes – but just wear what's most comfortable for you. You are going to be moving side by side – take the time to talk and listen. Try to notice nature, the weather and the changing season.



# **EASY NO BAKE RECIPES**





## Spot the 7 differences











#### A Game for Mathematicians

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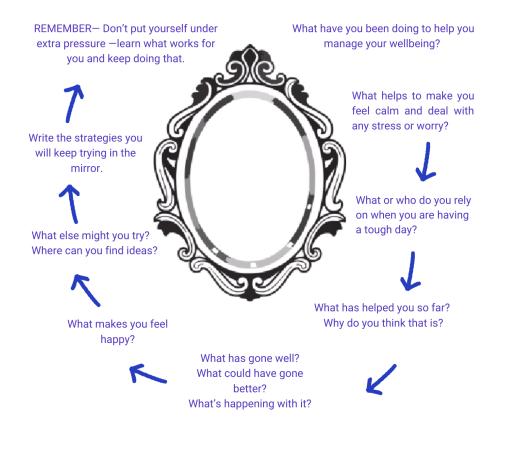
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# Learning From Our Experiences

The situation we are in at the moment is completely new for everyone and we are all having to find ways of managing the changes and emotions. Everyone will find their own ways and what works for one person might not work for another. But we can all learn from our own experience and work out what helps us and what doesn't.

At the heart of being resilient is the ability to learn from the things that happen to us. We can do this by using a mirror to the mind and taking a look at what has worked for us so far.

#### Answer the questions honestly and thoughtfully - this is just for you!





## **Family Activities**

**Camping in garden or living room** - put up your tent or get some sheets and make a tent and play your favourite board game.

**Play balloon volleyball** - blow up a balloon, put a belt on the floor to divide the room in 2.

**Family storytime** - get a family favourite book and read together. Take turns to read and get in character.

**Family yoga/ exercise** - put on comfortable wear and have a go at some of our exercise plans on pages 18 - 21 or have a look for some exercises on youtube.

**Have a picnic in garden or living room** - make sandwiches (or your alternative favourites), get fruits, snack and drinks. Get a sheet, mat or tablecloth and enjoy a picnic together.

**Baking** - get an adult in your house to get involved and have a go at some of our recipes on page 23, or head over to www.twinkl.com for more easy recipes.



### **HEADSTART WORDSEARCH**

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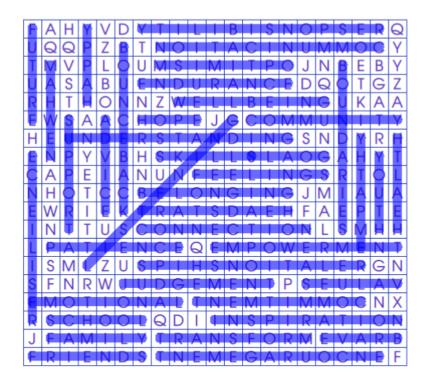
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A Game for Mathematicians

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## **Useful Helplines And Resources**

Social Media Accounts to Follow:



@HeadStartNewham



@YouthZonesLBN

www.headstartnewham.co.uk Are you a young person aged 10-16? Find out what you can access as part of the HeadStart programme.

www.bouncebacknewham.co.uk Online resources and interactive activities to build resilience and promote well-being.

www.kooth.com

Self help materials, moderated forums, online conselling, goal setting, mood tracking and peer to peer support for young people aged 10-16

MIND

#### CHILDLINE

0800 1111 https://www.childline.org.uk/ National support line helping all children and young people on

various topics.

#### **YOUNG MINDS**

days reply

https://youngminds.org.uk/ Urgent help Text YM to 85258 PARENTS' HELPLINE https://youngminds.org.uk/findhelp/for-parents/parents-helpline/ Call: 0808 802 5544 Mon-Fri from 9.30am to 4pm. Online form available-3 working

Www.themix.org.uk **Essential supports for under 25s** Text: THEMIX to 85258 anytime Call: 0808 808 4994 7 days a week 4pm to 11pm

Mental health charity Infoline: 0300 123 3393 9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday (except for bank holidays). Email: info@mind.org.uk Text: 86463 https://www.elefriends.org.uk/

https://www.mind.org.uk/

#### THE MIX

#### SAMARITANS

https://www.samaritans.org/ Call: 116 123 anytime jo@samaritans.org (24hrs response)

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ABUSE 24hr national helpline: 0808 2000 247 https://www.nationaldahelpline.org. uk/Contact-us

#### PAPYRUS

https://papyrus-uk.org/ Prevention of young people suicide Call: 0800 068 4141 Text: 07860 039967 pat@papyrus-uk.org Mon-Fri 9:00 am to 10:00 pm Weekends 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm Bank Holidays 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm

#### ANNA FREUD

https://www.annafreud.org/on-mymind/

#### MUSLIM YOUTH HELPLINE

https://www.myh.org.uk/helpline Call: 0808 808 2008 The helpline service is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year including Bank Holidays and Eid. Our current opening hours are Monday to Sunday : 4pm-10pm

STUDENTS AGAINST DEPRESSION https://www.studentsagainstdepre ssion.org/ advice, information, guidance and resources to those affected by low mood, depression and suicidal thinking.

NEWHAM TALKING THERAPIES https://www.newhamtalkingtherapi es.nhs.uk/ Self referrals: 020 8475 8080 Monday to Friday 9am–5pm or online form.

#### FINANCE AND FOOD RESOURCES:

NEWHAM MONEY WORKSLOCAL FOOD BANKShttps://newhammoneyworks.co.ukhttps://www.trusselfTel: 020 8430 2041https://newham.foodEmail: moneyworks@newham.gov.ukCall: 01722 580 180

LOCAL FOOD BANKS https://www.trusselltrust.org/ https://newham.foodbank.org.uk/ Call: 01722 580 180 Email: enquiries@trusselltrust.org

TURN2US National charity providing practical help to people who are struggling financially https://www.turn2us.org.uk/

For Newham updates, please visit the Newham Council Website. https://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/index.aspx https://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/ServiceChild/Coronavirus-(Covid-19).aspx

How to sign up to Kooth is a FREE, anonymous, confidential, safe, online Wed counselling, information, and forums service for 10-16 year Access 365 days a year to counsellors who are available for 2 noon-10pm Monday- Friday, and 6pm-10pm Saturday or Or live discussion forum Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7.30- articles are accessible at any time. Do no through mobile, laptop and tablet.	Ilbeing service, offering rolds in: Newham om: nd Sunday
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3 Click on the gender you identify with I am Male Female Agender Gender Fluid	Choose from the drop down box the ethnicity that best fits you My ethnicity is Choose
5 Add the month and year you were born I was born in Year Month Choose W Choose W	Create an anonymous username (not your real name) and secure password I would like like username My password will be
Choose from the drop down box to explain where you found out about Kooth Where did you learn about Kooth?	8 Click on the Create Account button to complete your registration

Now that you are in you can click on the icons at the top of the page to choose from the articles, topic page, forums, or choose to talk to a counsellor by clicking the speech marks next to the turquoise circle.

To talk to a counsellor click the turquoise "Chat now button"

To write a message to the team, click on the mustard "message the team.

#### www.kooth.com



We'd love to see how you're using the journal! Email us or share pictures at: HeadStart.ProgrameTeam@newham.gov.uk Social Media @headstartnewham #HeadStartNewham



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