Is your child suffering from low mood?

Do they seem ...?

- Sad or tearful
- Worried or nervous
- To be lacking motivation or withdrawn
- To have a poor appetite or overindulging
- Tired or struggling with sleep
- Low in self-esteem or confidence
- Hopeless and feeling worthless



Feelings of low mood can often pass after a few days, helping your child to understand that this is a normal emotion can make a difference to their mood.

TOP TIPS

- Talk to your child about their feelings.
- Encourage your child to talk to a trusted adult about their feelings, this could be a GP, counsellor or helpline.
- Do things together such as playing games, watching a movie, listening to music, dancing, baking, cooking, arts, crafts.
- Be active together this could be going for a walk or trying yoga.
- Try mindfulness techniques <u>https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/how-to-make-a-self-soothe-box/</u>
- Keep a journal or diary.
- Breathing techniques help people relax and feel calm
 <u>https://www.moshisleep.com/blog/deep-breathing-exercises-for-kids</u>
- Take a warm bath.
- Look for ideas to improve sleep

http://www.openmindscalderdale.org.uk/sleep-advice/

• If you feel worried yourself, you can also seek advice if it is necessary.

If you need help for your emotional wellbeing and mental health, the NHS Calderdale CCG website offers tips, information and guidance: <u>https://www.calderdaleccg.nhs.uk/wellbeing/</u>

For more tips, information & support go to www.openmindscalderdale.org.uk



Emotional Health and Wellbeing Service Offer for Children and Young People in Calderdale



Open Minds website provides advice, information and support on local and national services that help children and young people.

www.openmindscalderdale.org



Kooth.com offers safe anonymous online counselling with a qualified professional.

Age range: 10-25years Opening times: Mon-Fri, 12pm-10pm. Sat-Sun 6pm–10pm Contact details: <u>www.kooth.com</u>



Time Out offers the opportunity to 'find your thing', get some simple guidance around emotional wellbeing, managing worries and looking after yourself.

Age range: 10-19 years Contact details: 07418 311736 (text for a call back) www.timeoutcalderdale.co.uk





Barnardo's Positive Identities Service offers specialist advice and support to those who identify or are questioning their sexual and/or gender identity.

Age range: 8-25 years Contact details: 01422 371993 or <u>PositiveIdentities@barnardos.org.uk</u>



Open Minds (CAMHS) offers specialist help and support around mental health.

Age range: 5-18 years Contact details: www.calderdalecamhs.org.uk



C&K Careers offers specialist advice, support and guidance on future career options.

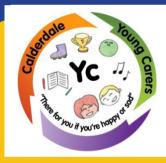
Age range: 13-24 years Contact details: 01484 213856 or <u>chat@ckcareers.org.uk</u>





ChatHealth offers a confidential and secure text messaging service to discuss physical health and emotional wellbeing.

Contact details: text 07480 635297 or <u>www.locala.org.uk/chathealth</u>





Calderdale Young Carers Service for advice and support on being a young carer.

Age range: 8-18 years Contact details: 01422 261208 or www.calderdale.gov.uk/ycs





Healthy Futures Calderdale offers advice and support from public health clinicians on any concerns you have relating to COVID-19, including worries about the return to school.

Contact details: 0303 330 9974

















Branching Out offers specialist advice and support around drugs and alcohol.

Age range: 10-21 years Contact details: 01422 415550



Sexual Health offers specialist advice and support around sexual health.

Contact details: 01422 261370

PROJECT

Building Reslience & Emotional Wellbeing

The BREW Project offers online 1:1 support sessions with a wellbeing officer or a 1:1 walk and talk service.

Age range: 5-17 years Contact details: 01422 730015 or support@invictuswellbeing.com

For more information and support visit www.openmindscalderdale.org.uk

