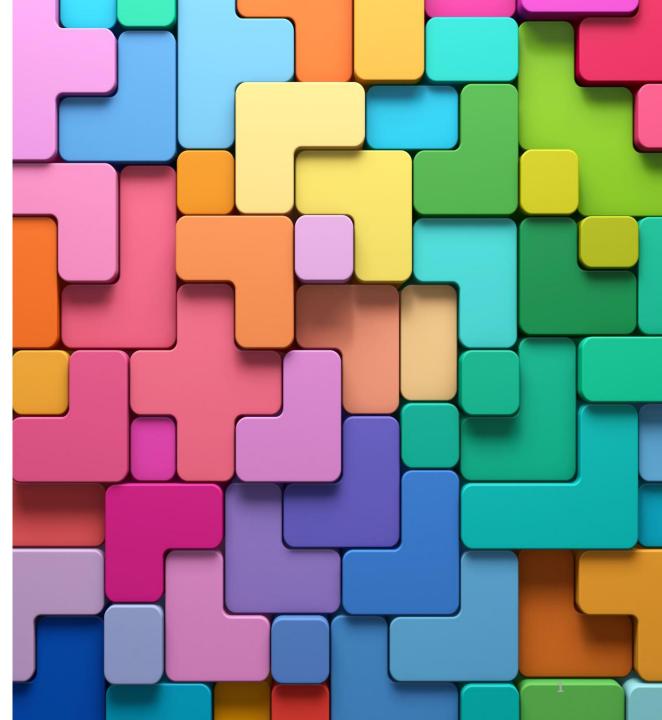


Resource Pack for Children & Young People

August 2023







HELLO SUMMER! POSITIVE EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

SUMMER IS A TIME WHEN CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (AND EDUCATORS) GET AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A WELL-EARNED BREAK FROM THE CLASSROOM. HOWEVER, THIS CHANGE OF ROUTINE AND ACTIVITY MAY CAUSE BOREDOM, ANXIETY AND ISOLATION OR MAY EXACERBATE EXISTING ISSUES.

Useful contacts available over the summer

PUPILS

TEXT & NURSE

The confidential Text A Nurse service is available Monday to Friday Pam-Spin and continues during the summer months (evoluting bank holidays), for children and young people aged it to 19. Contact numbers for your area can be found on the PNA website - Text A Nurse - months

INDEPENDENT COUNSELLING SERVICE FOR SCHOOLS (ICSS)

The independent Counselling Service for Schools (ICSS) is available for post-primary aged pupils amending solubit (including Special Schools and ICTAS) during the first two weeks of July and the last two weeks of August - schools will have provided the contact details for referral for counselling during the first two.

PARENTS/ CARERS

TEXT A NURSE

Text A Nume is also available to parents/corers with concerns about a young person, there is a short eidea with further information - <u>Text A Nume - Contract numbers for your area can be found on the PNA website - <u>Text A Nume - consts/corers./school.staff</u></u>

If you have any immediate concerns about your child's wellbeing, please talk to someone - for more information see <u>Millreat</u> -

SCHOOL STAFF

For the latest UA staff health and wellbeing news, events and comparison check out the <u>The UA HealthWell Hub</u>

Also check out the <u>IA Hapittitiel Neurlatter for 1.4/2025</u> which details open occess sessions ocross of IA's Hapith and Wellbeing Strategy thanks.

est A Nurse is also available to school staff with concerns about a young person, there is a short video with further information - Test A Nurse <u>Video</u>. Contact numbers for your area can be found on the PHA website - <u>Test A Nurse - consts/conten/action</u>

Useful Resources

CYPSP YOUTH WELLNESS WEBSITE

CYPSP Youth Wellness may provide some useful hints, tips and ideas to support positive mental health.

CCEA EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING HUB

CCEA Imptional Health and Wellbeing Hub provides a range of emotional health and wellbeing resources.

KEEP ACTIVE AND CONNECT

The Public Health Agency recommend keeping active and connecting with others - for more information see the <u>PHA Take 5 Leaflet</u>, available in 12 languages.

SUMMER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

There are often summer events / activities aimed at families and children so keep an eye out for these in your local area.

The Department of Education recognises the Importance of emotional health and wellbeing and in collaboration with the Department of Nechh published the Emotional Nechh and Wellbeing in Education Framework in 2021 where you can find our trace - <u>LIPM in Education Transpork</u>

SELF-CARE WITHOUT SPENDING A DIME!







walk around your neighborhood

read a book from your TBR pile

write in

your journal

listen to your favorite songs

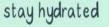


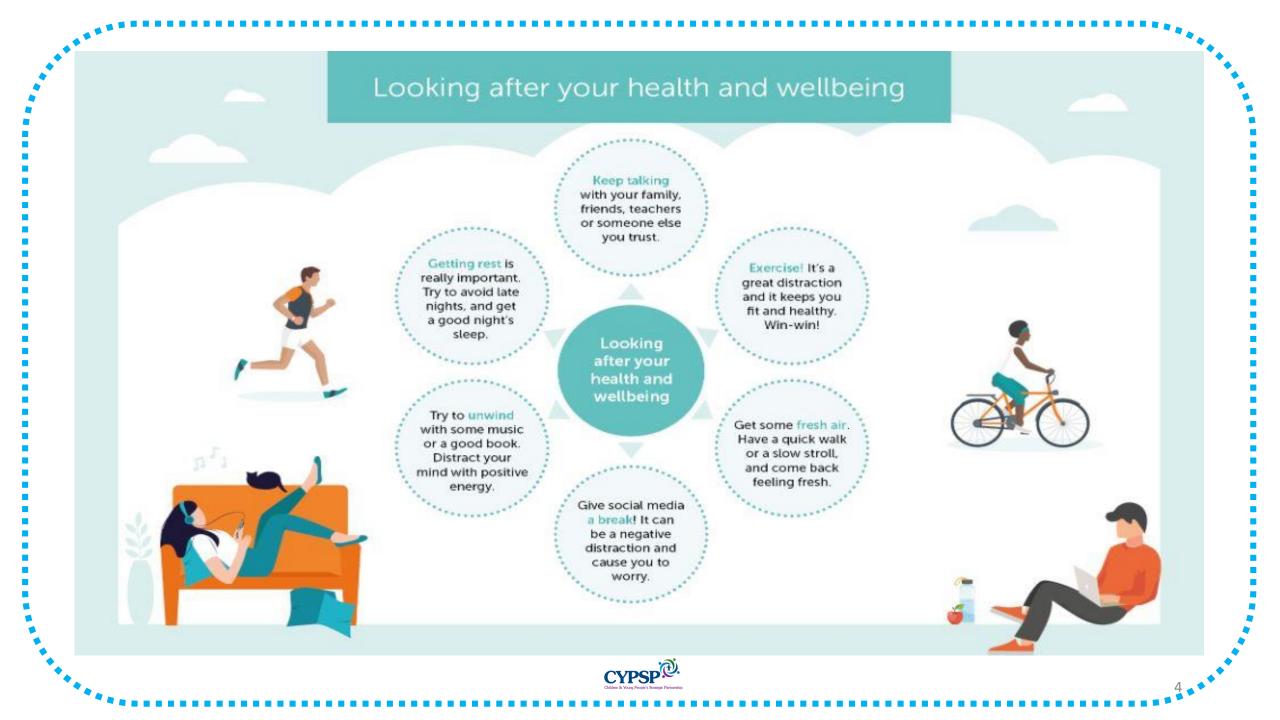
sleep and rest well

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For more information on what to expect before, during and after results day visit-<u>Results Day 2023 | CCEA</u>

SUMMER 2023 AWARDING



CCEA'S SUMMER 2023 RESULTS DATES

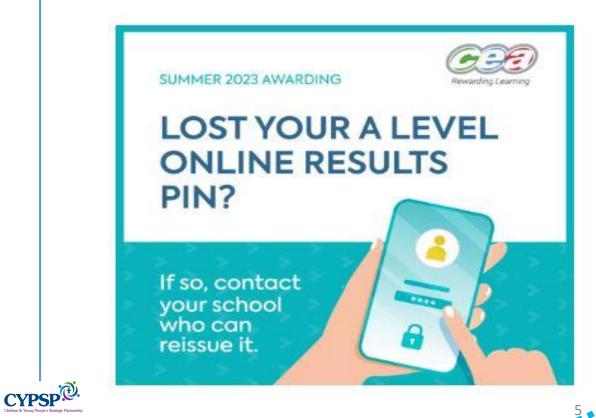
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Thursday 17 August: AS, A level and CoPE results day

Thursday 24 August: GCSE, Occupational Studies, Vocational and OLA results day

For more information on Summer 23 Awarding visit www.ccea.org.uk/summer-2023 A level Results PIN number Students who are due to receive their CCEA A level results online on Thursday 17 August, will have been issued a unique PIN number by their school/college.

This number enables students to access their results online from 8am on the morning of 17 August. If students have lost their PIN, they are advised to contact their school/college who will reissue it.



The new school year is fast approaching and many young people are waiting on their exam results. Don't forget that Text-A-Nurse is here to help if you or your child have any worries.

Our dedicated team of school nurses can provide timely and confidential advice on issues including emotional health and wellbeing, alcohol and drugs, sexual health, bullying and general health issues.

Text-a-Nurse | HSC Public Health Agency (hscni.net)

Social media in the summer

PARENTING



Be mindful of the types of pictures you and your children post

Talk to your child about the dangers of posting their location



Remind them that social media presents a curated version of people's lives

to have a healthy body

Inspire your young person

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There's a new number for texting a school nurse from your mobile phone. Text-A-Nurse is an anonymous confidential messaging service, which is available Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm during the week in both term-time and school holidays. The message is delivered to a safe and secure web application for the nursing staff to view. You are guaranteed a response within 24 hours Monday to Friday. If a faster response is needed, you will be advised of where you can get urgent help.

You can message for advice on all kinds of health issues, like sexual health, bullying, healthy eating and any general health concerns. Or you may want support for your emotional health and wellbeing, particularly as life returns to normal after lockdown.

Look out for more information around school/college.

The text numbers for this are:

Northern Trust Text-A-Nurse 07480 635982

Belfast Trust Text-A-Nurse 07507 328290

South Eastern Trust Text-A-Nurse 07507 327263

Western Trust Text-A-Nurse 07480 635984

Southern Trust Text-A-Nurse 07507 328057

Or visit www.chathealth.nhs.uk to start a chat







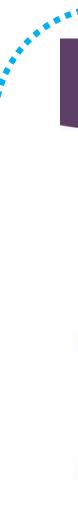
Exam results and helping young people

nidirect.gov.uk

AS/A Level and GCSE exam results will be announced this month. Help and support is available. Find out more: <u>https://nidirect.gov.uk/news/help-and-support-</u> <u>students-and-parents-results-time...</u>







Navigating

Student guide to results day

Exams results day, and the lead up to it, can be a stressful time - especially if you're worried that your exams didn't go as well as you had hoped, or are disappointed with your results.

We've shared some advice on how to look after yourself in the lead up to results day, and on the day.

Waiting for your results

The period of time from when you break up to when the exam results come out can seem endless and intense. Here are some top tips to cope with the interminable wait:

Make plans

Make plans with your friends and interact with people. Avoid sitting home and worrying. Even if exams went badly, focus on what you can change, not what you can't. It will help to regulate your mood and give you a lift if you see other people.

Get yourself into a routine

As much as we love the idea of a lie-in for 6 weeks, being out of routine can actually lead to more anxiety. Try to get up at a similar time each day, get some sunshine, eat healthily and get yourself organised.

Decide how you want to get your results

In a group? With your parents or friends? What would make things easiest on the day?

place2be.org.uk

Be kind to yourself

Accept it's normal to feel worried and strange, and immerse yourself in something you love. Watch your favourite movie, go for a walk, have a relaxing bath and take yourself away from it all for a while.

Don't dwell on it

Be strict with how much time you spend discussing and thinking about exam results It's likely you and your friends, and family, will want to discuss and debate what could, might, or has happened. Set aside time (say half an hour a day) where you think and talk about it some people call this 'worry time'. The rest of the time, get on with your life!

Map out the scenarios

Facing the worst case scenario head on can take away its power. Make a plan of what you could do if you don't get the grades you need. Nothing is unsolvable, things will get better, and there are a tonne of alternatives to every situation.

Make a list of all the things you enjoy

Find the time to do them. This can reduce your stress levels, improve your mood, and help you feel refreshed and relaxed.



Navigating season

Results day - coping with the stress

It's finally here, the results are in. Whatever happens, the most important thing to remember is nothing is insurmountable.

Recognise the emotional rollercoaster everyone is on

The school will be a cauldron of emotions from frustrated, anory, and upset students, to those celebrating and totally ecstatic. Prepare yourself as best you can for the range of emotion, remember people are likely to react differently to normal.



Be there for your friends, but also take care of yourself

It's tempting to put others' first, particularly if they haven't got the grades they wanted, but take time to also look after yourself.



Another route?

If things don't go as planned, look at all the options you have available to you and plot a new course. It could be to the same goal (for example doing re-sits so you can go onto further education) or it could be to a completely new goal.

Make a list

Make a list of all the things you want to do in life which don't involve exams. You will soon see that exams are only a small part of the picture.

Student guide to results day



We are all different. Not better or worse, but with our own gifts and skills. If the results aren't what you imagined, don't beat yourself up. Academic success is just one of many attributes to be celebrated. Remember who you are and what you're good at.



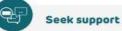
Get inspired!

With a spot of Googling you can find endless stories of inspirational people who have chartered their own course - from Steven Bartlett to Victoria Beckham, Whatever happens, life is far from over!



There are so many people around you who can

offer insight, such as teachers, career advisers, parents and family members. Try to get a range of opinions.



Let your family, friends, and teachers know if you are struggling so that they can support you.

If you're feeling overwhelmed and need to talk:

Text CONNECT to 85258 for free to (000) speak to Shout



(H) Visit place2be.org.uk/help for more advice

place2be.org.uk



Top tips for coping with SUMMERTIME exam results stress PARENTING Keep calm and Take your time Get a good night's sleep don't panic Encourage your child to avoid rushing into In the face of Encourage your young decisions after person to get a good disappointing results, receiving the results. emotions may run night's sleep before Sit down together & high. If they and after receiving have an open, don't get the their results. A wellsupportive results they rested mind is better conversation would have liked encourage equipped to cope with about their feelings, emotions and engage aspirations, and them to take deep in constructive options. Weighing the breaths & relax. It will discussions about the pros and cons of be easier to process different paths can future. everything & think help them make wellthrough their next informed decisions. steps. Be prepared for **Remember to reassure** 'Plan B' Try to promote the positives regardless of the results. Your While it's natural to hope 🚧 🙀 young person will probably for positive results, it's important worry about letting you down to acknowledge that things may so reassure them that they not always go as expected. won't be letting anyone down Encourage your young person to and that you will be there for consider alternative options and them to work through the next paths they can take if the results steps. Let them know are not what they were aiming that you are proud of for. This can alleviate the their efforts and support pressure of a singular outcome them unconditionally. and foster a sense of resilience and adaptability. **C** 0808 8010 722 C Parenting NI parentingni.org



MANAGING EXAM RESULTS STRESS

Exam results day is stressful for everyone, whether you sat the exams yourself or care about someone who did.

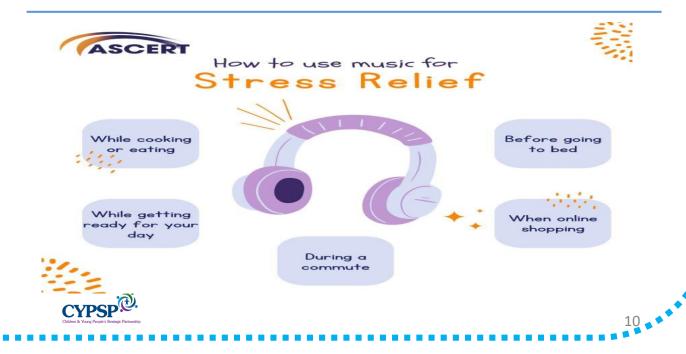
It's normal to feel upset, disappointed and anxious if you didn't get the results you hoped for. Know where to get help if you're feeling overwhelmed.

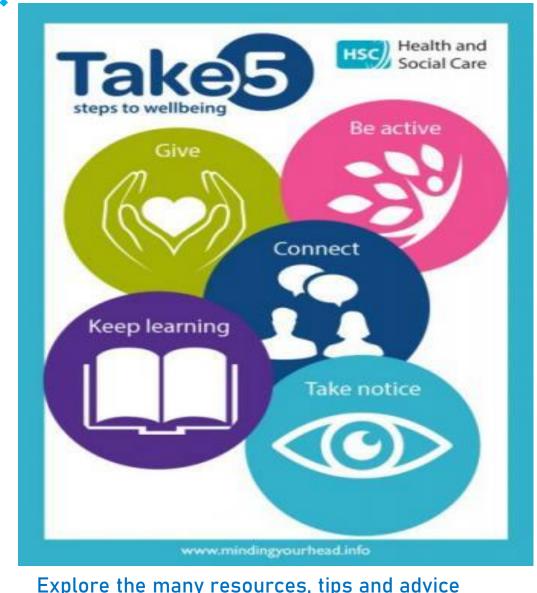
<u>Managing stress on exam results day -</u> <u>Community Wellbeing NI</u> **Plan** talk about the next steps. Just in case things don't turn out as hoped.



and remember...

YOUR GRADES DO NOT AND NEVER WILL DEFINE YOUR WORTH.





Explore the many resources, tips and advice on <u>www.mindingyourhead.info</u>









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RISE NI - Getting Ready for Pre-school

We should already be thinking about helping our children get ready for preschool! Here are some things you can practise at home to help your child get ready for school in September.



Starting school is a very exciting step in a child's life yet may be stressful for some children and their parents. This leaflet aims to reassure and inform you of some simple and fun everyday activities to support your child so that they can start school healthy, happy, active, curious and sociable.

Help me do things for myself

Help me develop my talking and listening skills





Take

Help me develop my play and physical skills







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RISENI - RISENI/parents (pagetiger.com)

Friendship skills top tips

Learn through play

Provide children with opportunities to play with peers, this hélps them develop the necessary social skills to maintain good relationships



Take a back seat

When friendship issues arise, try to help your child resolve conflicts by being súpportive and encouraging

Encourage positive social skills

Teach children skills in relating to others, such as listening, sharing, playing by the rules and empathy



Like attracts like

Children become friends because they share similar interests. It can be helpful to plan activities in advance of a play date



Praise positive behaviour

Praise your child for being

friendly and

their learning

making skills

and friendship

caring to others, this will support

Be a good role

model Children will learn from you and your relationships

with others

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Is your child starting school this year? At Parentline we have put together a guide for parents to support you support your child with this big step!

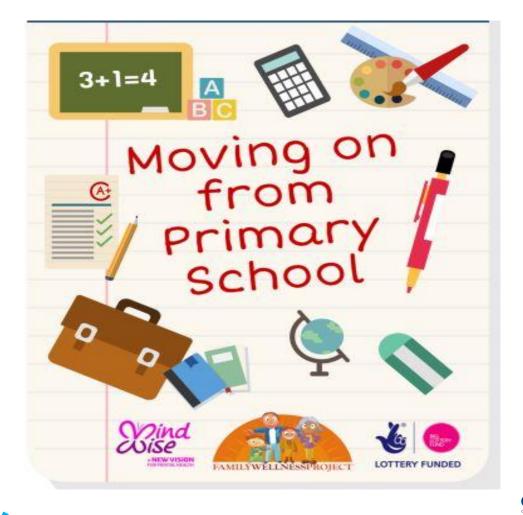
Call us on 0808 8020 400 to get your FREE copy and chat with us today.

We are here for you; Mon-Thurs 9am-9pm Fri 9am-5pm Sat 9am-1pm



This booklet can help you look at what your new school will be like and some changes that might happen.

Moving on from Primary School (hscni.net)





All About ME



Our new All About ME booklet co-produced with young people from <u>Barnardo's NI</u> PosAbility group is great for sharing information about your child for summer clubs, playgroup, residentials, childcare and with family. Download your copy now at <u>https://tinyurl.com/ysjx9fby</u>











Autism NI have created a Back to School resource kit to prepare your child for going back to school, including a social story, weekly planner and visual boards. To download for free, visit www.autismni.org/e ducation

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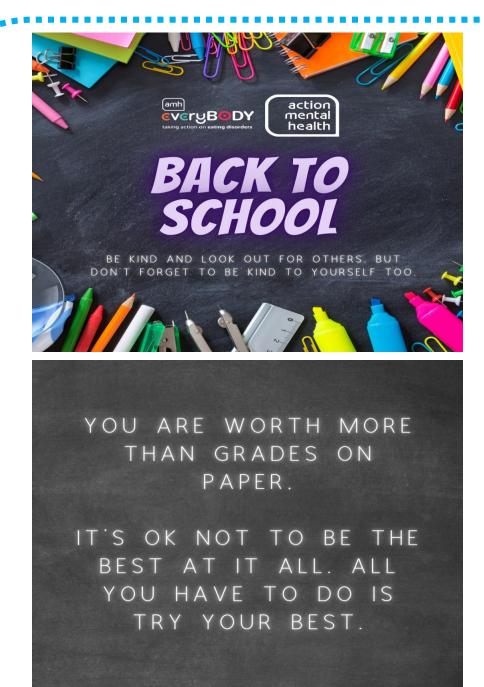
Back to School resource kit



Many young people may struggle to cope with change, for example, changing schools. Autism NI have created a resource to explain change and give tips to manage feelings associated with changes.

PowerPoint Presentation (squarespace.com)





IT'S OK TO HAVE MIXED EMOTIONS ABOUT THINGS.

TALKING HELPS TO MAKE SENSE OF IT ALL WHETHER IT'S A PARENT. SIBLING OR TEACHER.

BE YOURSELF. WE ARE NOT ALL MEANT TO BE THE SAME.

DIFFERENCES MAKE US UNIQUE AND SHOULD BE CELEBRATED.

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Staying safe on the school run





The new school year is the perfect opportunity to focus on road safety and make sure your children know how to cross the road safely. At school drop-off and pick-up times, roads can be especially busy. Not only does this make crossing more difficult it can also be really distracting and children may not remember their road safety rules,

especially if they're excited or spot a friend across the road.

Fortunately, there are plenty of things you can do to help keep them safe. Visit our road safety hub for tips and free activity sheets for children: https://capt.org.uk/csw-road-safety/



Will your child be walking to school alone?



child accident

It's that time of year when many of us are thinking about the return to school. Perhaps this year will be the first your child is walking alone. Or your child is changing school and they have a new route to learn. It can be a nerve-wracking time for us parents and carers. But, here are some tips to help your child with the transition and keep them safe on their walk to and from school.

- Encourage them to sit down and plan their route, highlighting safe places to cross and any friends they might travel with
- To build confidence you can practice the route together
- Talk about the dangers your child might come across and ask questions to encourage them to think for themselves
- Devices can be a major distraction, so encourage your child to put them away and take any headphones out while crossing the road



Some primary and post-primary school pupils are eligible for

• Grants to help buy their school uniform. Find out more: <u>https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/.../school-uniform-and...</u>

• Help with home to school transport. Find out more: https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/home-school-transport

• Free lunches or milk at school. Find out more: https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/.../nutrition-and-school-lunches



Home to school transport

nidirect.gov.uk



School lunches

nidirect.gov.uk







Back to school tips for newly separated parents



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Create a consistent routine

Try to reach an agreement before the new school term about your child's school routine. Who will be responsible for school drop offs and pick ups? How will you navigate parents' evenings and after school activities? Your children and both of you will benefit from consistency.

Share information

It is important to communicate about important school activities, but also any specific needs your child has. If you can, co-ordinate calendars so everyone is up to date. Always put your child's interests and feelings first.

Support your child's emotions

Going back to school after a separation can be emotionally challenging for your child. Be attentive to their feelings, reassure them of your love and support, and encourage them to express their emotions. It can be a good idea to make the school aware of the separation and they can look out for any changes to your child's behaviour.

Plan for changes

Discuss plans for unexpected events, for example if your child is sick and cannot attend school or if they need to go home sick from school how will you handle this? Consider school closures and other changes to your routine.

Are you struggling to communicate with your child's other parent? Consider Family Mediation – a process which empowers separated parents to communicate and agree a co-parenting plan that places their children's needs at the centre. Find out more at <u>www.familymediationni.org.uk</u>



Youth Wellness Web

A place where everyone deserves to be helped at any time, no matter how big or small the problem is!





Helping your child with homework- Top tips

Nutritional Snack

Before you start homework, provide a nutritious snack and chat with your 🚄 child about their day, ensuring they feel relaxed before they start their homework.

How to start Establish a clear routine. Plan a homework timetable for the week so they are aware of what is required of them on a daily basis but also include some time for fun.

Helping

If your child looks to you to give them the answer don't rush in to tell them. encourage them to work through the task to find the solution and answer themselves.

How I Was 7 2 Your Time Taught Don't try to teach your child your method, as this leads to confusion. If you are unsure of a new technique set a time to speak to your child's teacher.

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Environment

Provide a space

your child to want

to complete their

distractions.

which

encourages

homework.

Turn off

As a parent you may be busy during homework time juggling many things. Reduce your distractions to ensure you provide the space to help support your child with homework.

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Building a Child's Self-Esteem

Ask them to write down something that they did well, or are proud of each day on a strip of paper, and then add it to a paperchain. This acts as a built in celebration, and a powerful visual reminder of their growing achievements and belief!

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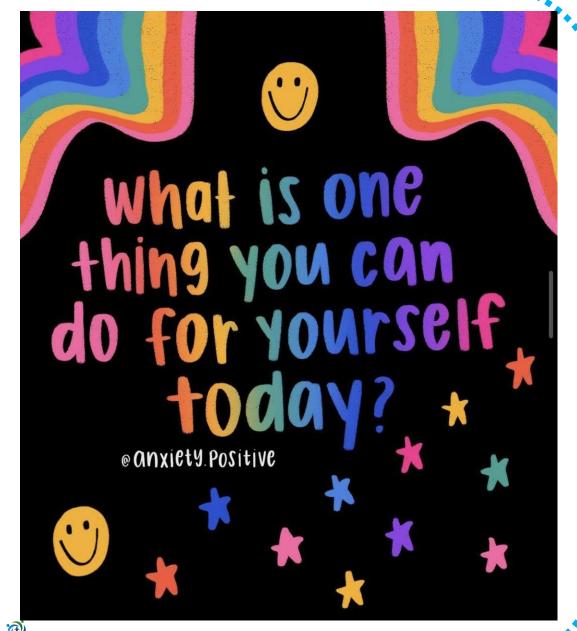
you'll get through TODAY, JUST LIKE YOU GOT THROUGH YESTERDOM, aND THE Day BEFORE THAT aND all THE OTHER Days Before That ... Because you are TOUGH.

=Hey you =

drop your shoulders unclench your jaw take a deep breath CIOSE YOUR EYES relax your hands breathe out slow take a moment CYPSP[®]







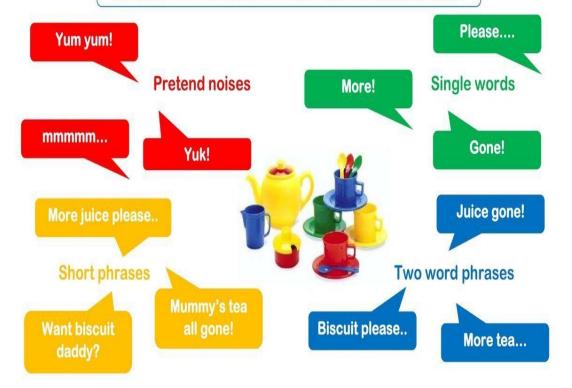




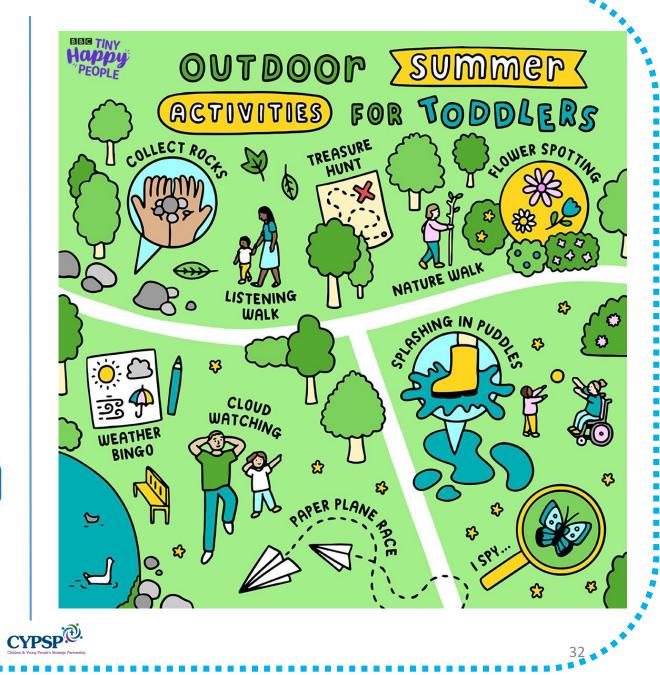


Tea time is talking time!

The one pretend toy every child needs is a tea set and play food – not only do children LOVE making endless cups of tea but there are lots of opportunities for modelling early language!



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• For a tomato sauce base, try using chopped tinned tomatoes, passata, leftover pasta sauce or tomato puree

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• For the pizza base, try using English muffins, pitta bread, crumpets or mini tortilla wraps



Pack lunch ideas Snack

Side

Main

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| Wrap Sandwich Roll Pasta CracKers tacos/pitta CracKer breads Bagel Boiled egg Egg muffins Filling ideas Ham, Tuna(sweetcorn) Cheese, egg, cream cheese, chicKen, turKey | Carrot sticKs Pepper slices Sliced cucumber Pepperoni Cheese portion Hummus and veg sticKs Cheese and fruit sticKs Sausages Tomatoes Bread sticKs | Rice caKes/oat caKes Berries Raisins Yoghurt Banana bread Apple slices Popcorn PancaKes Smoothie Jelly Fruit |



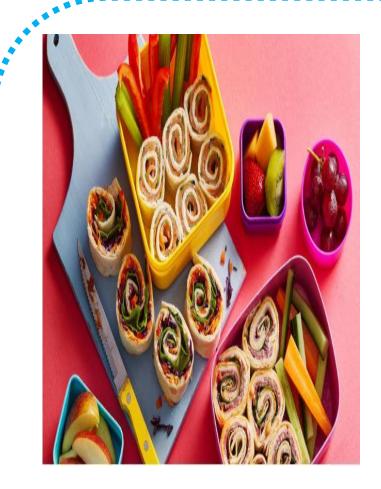
This easy chicken wrap recipe was inspired by the TikTok sensation. Simply fill each quarter with a different filling and fold up for instant layers. Chicken TikTok wraps recipe - BBC Food

Nutty apple and celery rice cakes

Nutty apple and celery rice cakes - Recipes - Healthier Families - NHS (www.nhs.uk)







A wrap is a great alternative to the standard packed lunch sandwich. <u>Lunchbox roll-ups</u> <u>recipe - BBC Food</u>

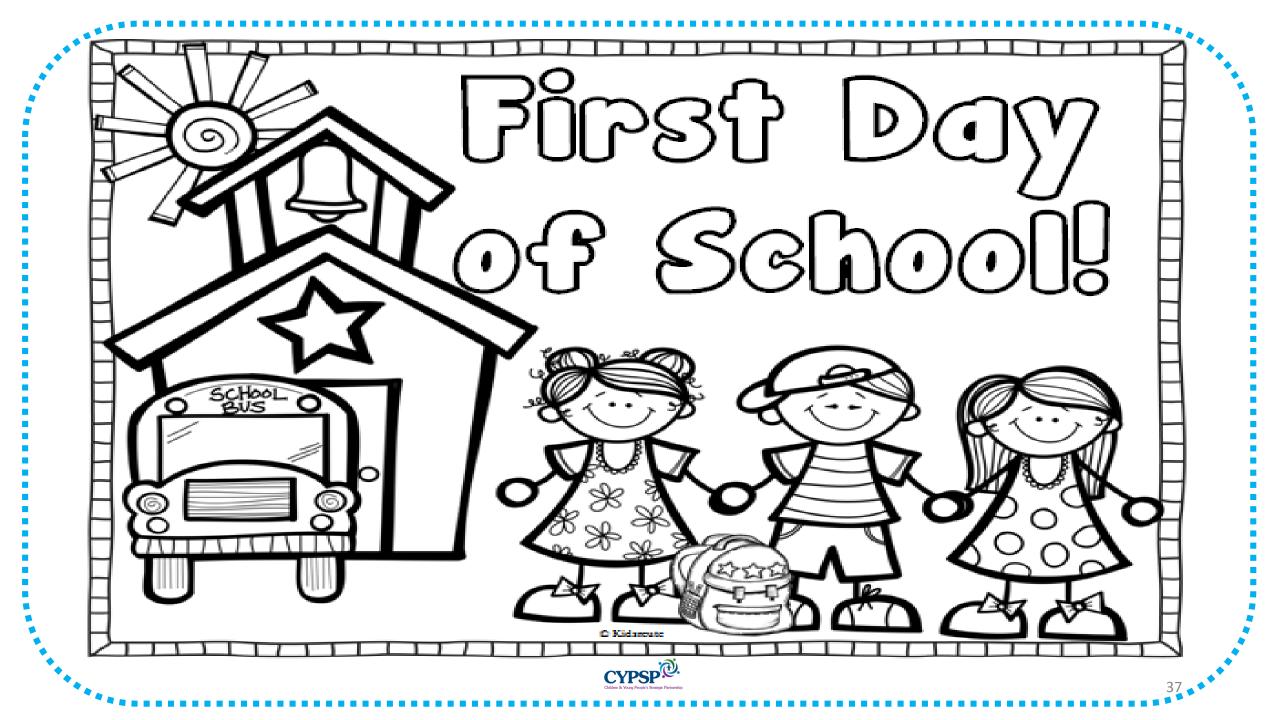


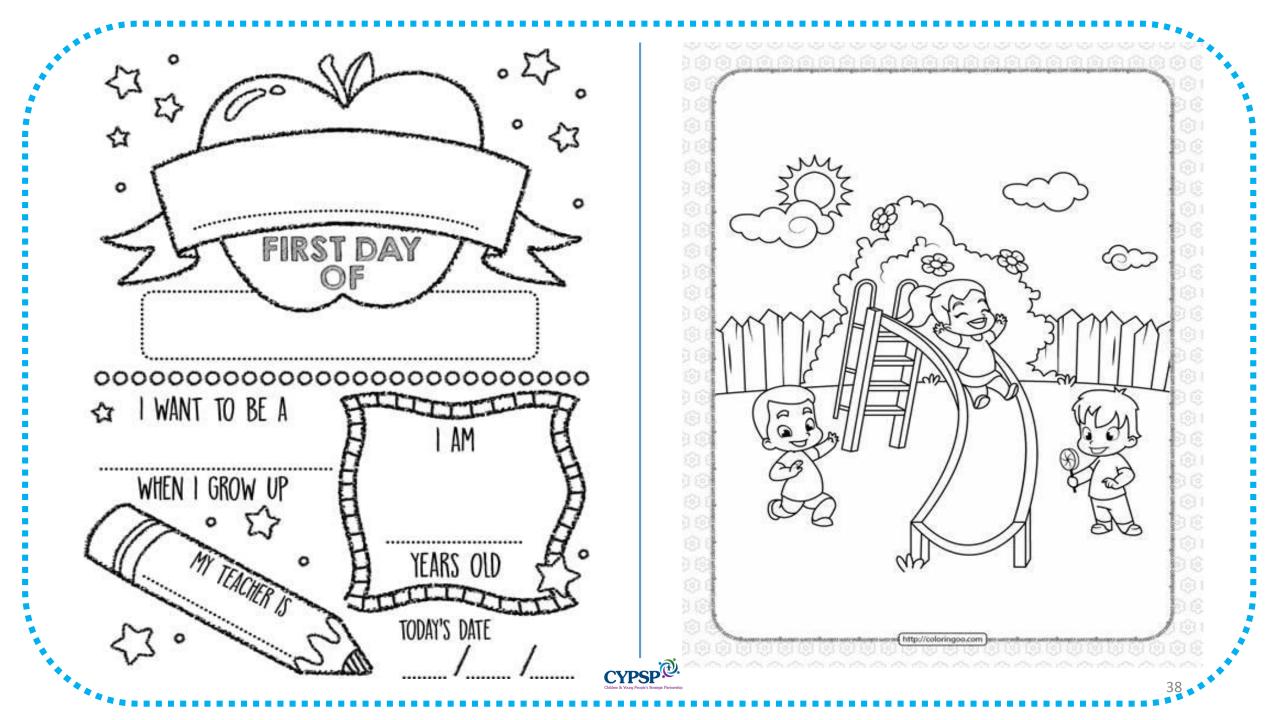
Traffic light omelettes Traffic light vegetable omelettes - Recipes - Healthier Families -NHS (www.nhs.uk)

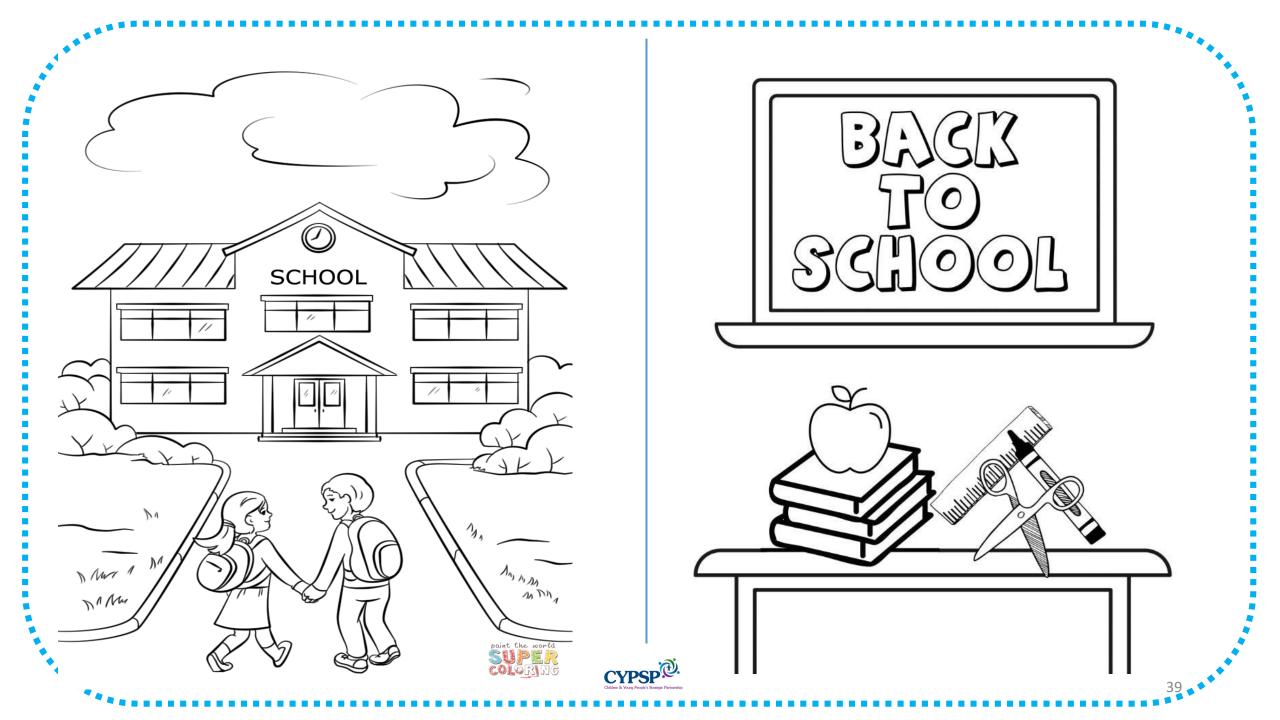


Brainy beans on toast Healthy beans on toast - Recipes -Healthier Families - NHS (www.nhs.uk)









For more resources and activities on disability, mental health, bereavement, education plus more, check out the previous edition of the Children and Young People's Resource Pack



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