



DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to tell you about Young Devon and KOOTH.com, the support and counselling service that now operates across the majority of Plymouth Secondary Schools. Our school believes this valuable resource for our students will support those who may be experiencing emotional challenges.



Commissioned by the Schools Forum working with Plymouth City Council, Young Devon and KOOTH.com offers our students support and counselling via a face to face provision within schools and online via Kooth's safe secure website. The online service has won many awards for its work with young people, offers instant access to advice and support and is available up to 10pm seven days a week. All the counselors working across both services have had enhanced police checks, and have a DBS Certificate, two references and are qualified, or on an accredited training course. Whilst your child hopefully may not need the service, we believe that they should be aware of provisions in Plymouth that can support them, now or in the future, if they were ever to need it.

We hope you agree that having this service will benefit our students both in their learning needs and their emotional health and well-being. Young Devon and KOOTH.com will work closely with other agencies to ensure that any issues, such as safeguarding concerns that cannot be dealt with within counselling, will be dealt with via the appropriate staff and services.

If you have any concerns or questions then please contact me on 01752 705024 or Louise Turvey Kooth Service Manager on 0845 330 7090 or free phone Young Devon Team on 08082810155.

Yours sincerely

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