As schools and services across the country begin to contingency plan in the event of closures, I wished to make contact to highlight the support **Kooth.com** is able to provide at this difficult time.

Kooth will continue to provide online mental health and wellbeing support to young people via any internet accessible device. Kooth provides an opportunity to interact in a supportive way with other young people as well as receive support from a qualified counsellor.

There is no threshold for young people to access support through Kooth so the service may sit as part of a whole school/service approach to supporting mental health and wellbeing. In order to support you in promoting Kooth to young people, parents and faculty at this time we have provided an email template below for distribution.

In the event of your school/service closing we would like to offer video conference sessions for staff training on Kooth. Some schools and services have offered Kooth access to provide signposting to their digital/social media platforms for young people to access Kooth. If this is an option we would be happy to provide further information and online marketing material to support awareness of Kooth to all young people.

As this situation evolves we shall be in touch to organise staff training sessions. Please let me know if you require further marketing material.

Kind Regards

Alex White

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Online school portal statement;

**Kooth.com - online support for young people**

We would like to remind you of the availability of our online service to support the wellbeing and resilience of young people.

**Kooth** is a web based confidential support service available to young people. Kooth provides a safe and secure means of accessing mental health and wellbeing support designed specifically for young people.

**Kooth** offers young people the opportunity to have a text-based conversation with a qualified counsellor. Counsellors are available from 12 noon to 10pm on weekdays and 6pm to 10 pm at weekends, every day of the year on a drop-in basis. Young people can access regular booked online counselling sessions as needed. Outside counselling hours’ young people can message our team and get support by the next day.

When young people register with **Kooth** they will have support available to them now and in the future. Support can be gained not only through counselling but articles, forums and discussion boards.  All content is age appropriate, clinically approved and fully moderated.

To find out more visit [www.Kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)  where young people can register and others can find out more about the service.

You can also view a short video about the service at: <https://vimeo.com/318731977/a9f32c87de>.