

Interim Arrangements for the School Counselling Service (ICSS)

The Education Authority has developed a contingency plan for the provision of the Independent Counselling Service for Schools (ICSS). In Sullivan Upper School this service is provided by Familyworks.

Counselling Sessions

The School will continue to have access to nine counselling sessions each week which will take place on a Tuesday and Wednesday at the same time as the Counsellor would usually be in school. These sessions will be conducted via telephone or secure online video calling.

Counselling Sessions for existing pupils

The School Counsellor (Anna) will be in contact with pupils who had been attending sessions before school closure via their C2k email.

New referrals

An online referral process has been set up for new pupils wishing to refer themselves in, or for any parent wishing to make a referral for their child.

This can be accessed remotely on the Familyworks website at <https://familyworksni.com/>

This form will then go directly to the School Counsellor for action and allocation to an appointment.

Drop-In Sessions

The 'Drop In' service will now be delivered by telephone via Familyworks central office. This will also be delivered to pupils on the waiting list. The School Counsellor will provide a telephone contact number for pupils to contact her.

Useful information

Familyworks have also prepared a series of online messages for pupils and parents which will be regularly updated on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Please see links below;

https://www.facebook.com/familyworksni/?ref=py_c

<https://www.instagram.com/familyworkscounselling/>

<https://twitter.com/familyworksni/>

I hope this will provide some reassurance to help ensure our pupils remain safe and secure at this unsettling time.

Best wishes
CL Moore (Mrs)
Vice-Principal (Pastoral)