

## Worcestershire Virtual School News

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#### Additional Funding Requests

If you wish to make a request for Additional Funding this must be recorded on the PEP in the “My Targets” section and linked to a SMART target. Following a discussion with your Learning Advocate they will seek approval for the funding from the Virtual School Head. Once approved a notification will appear on the PEP and your Learning Advocate will contact you to let you know that the funding has been approved. You are advised to not start the intervention that requires the additional funding until you have received confirmation of approval from the Virtual School to ensure that you will receive the funding.

#### EP Drop in Sessions

There is still some availability for our EP drop-sessions over the Summer term; the sessions last 45mins and are extremely useful in offering support and strategies for specific issues you may be having with one of your Worcs CLA. If you find that a child/young person’s engagement in their learning is low, a drop-in session could be really useful in identifying reasons for the low engagement and approaches that could improve it.

If you have a child/young person you are concerned about, please e-mail [virtualschool@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk](mailto:virtualschool@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk) to request a referral form

## **Making Post 16 Choices**

Worcestershire Virtual School commissioned a piece of work to support our children/young people looked after to make informed Post 16 choices.

Heart of Worcestershire College, working in collaboration with Kidderminster College, Worcester Sixth Form College and Warwickshire College Group has produced this resource to develop a greater understanding of the differences between schools and Further Education, to know what support is available for those in Further Education and to understand what is expected of young people.

The resource has been designed to be viewed by young people alongside school staff, carers and social care colleagues.

The resource is accessible via the link below.

[Virtual Schools Post-16 Choices | Review 360 \(articulate.com\)](#)

We hope you find it useful.

## **Post 16 PPP- SMART Target Training**

Worcestershire Post 16 Virtual School would like to invite you to a S.M.A.R.T. Target Setting Workshop.

This 45 minute on-line Teams workshop is for Designated Tutors in Post 16 settings who are involved in the Personal Progression Plan meetings.

Being able to write S.M.A.R.T. targets provide a useful benchmark from which we can monitor and track progress and attainment.

**Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> 11:30-12:15**

**To book a place please email [virtualschool@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk](mailto:virtualschool@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk)**

## **DT Survey**

A quick reminder that there is still time to complete and return our DT survey. At the Virtual School we are continually striving to improve our service, feedback from all the partners we work with is vital in us achieving this. Please see below a short questionnaire we have put together, we would be extremely grateful if you could complete and submit the survey below, by the **10<sup>th</sup> of June 2022**. The survey is completely anonymous, and feedback will be used to shape our practice in the future.

[DT questionnaire](#)

## **Moving Up! The transition to secondary school animation**

This animation and accompanying teacher toolkit are aimed at supporting pupils who will be preparing to transition to secondary school later in the year. They were developed in collaboration with young people, teachers and mental health experts. The animation aims to support pupils to:

- Identify potential worries associated with starting secondary school
- Know they're not alone if they are feeling worried
- Talk to a trusted adult or friend if they have any concerns
- Identify solutions and strategies for looking after their mental health, including self-care

[Mental health animation toolkit for teachers and schools | Young people mental health \(annafreud.org\)](#)

## **Digiduck Stories (Childnet)**

The five stories in the Digiduck series were created to help parents and teachers educate children aged 3–7 about online safety. The collection includes e-books, PDFs, a poster and an interactive app.

As well as the books, there is a Digiduck Activity Menu for educators, that can be found here: [Digiduck Stories | Childnet](#)

**We are here to support you and our children looked after/previously looked after. Please call or email, using the details below or visit our website.**

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