

BRISTNALL HALL ACADEMY

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Support	Contact details
Foodbanks or emergency food supplies	Foodbanks operate all over Sandwell. For your nearest location, visit:
	www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk
Money advice	COVID Winter Grant: https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/wintergrant
	Worried about debt? Contact Sandwell Council on 0121 569 5333
	Council Tax Reduction, Discretionary Housing Payment, Welfare Rights, Self-isolation payments
	etc: https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200354/coronavirus_advice/4460/get_financial_help
	https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200347/resilient_resident
Health and wellbeing	Rethink Emotional Support: https://www.rethink.org/help-in-your-area/services/advice-and-
	helplines/the-black-country-emotional-support-helpline/
	Rethink Emotional Support Helpline is a freephone service for those who are in need of
	support, reassurance and understanding.
	The service can be contacted on 0808 802 2208 at the following times:
	Monday- Friday 6.00pm – 3.00am
	Saturday- Sunday 2.00pm – 3.00am
	We are now offering Text/webchat support during our opening hours:
	Text 07860 065 168
	Webchat www.rethink.org/blackcountryhelpline
	Kaleidoscope Plus Group: The Kaleidoscope Plus Group works to promote and support positive
	health and wellbeing
	https://www.kaleidoscopeplus.org.uk/self-help-tool.php



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	Chat to them via telephone, online through their website or directly through Facebook. Call
	0800 059 0123
	Monday-Sunday between 5pm & 9pm or Messenger: Monday-Friday: 9am-8pm & Saturday-
	Sunday: 5pm-8pm
Bereavement	Cruse Bereavement Care has online resources to support you and your family during this
	distressing time. This includes how this pandemic may affect bereavement and grief. They offer
	a free helpline: 0808 808 1677 or visit their website - https://www.cruse.org.uk/
Domestic Abuse	Black Country Women's Aid: 0121 552 6448 (24/7 Helpline) 07384 466181 (Text or WhatsApp
	9am – 9pm)
Special Educational Needs	Sandwell Local offer: https://fis.sandwell.gov.uk/kb5/sandwell/directory/localoffer.page
	Sandwell Family Information Service hub:
	https://fis.sandwell.gov.uk/kb5/sandwell/directory/home.page
	Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children: https://www.sp-dc.org/ or call 0121 565 2410
	Autism West Midlands: https://www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk/
Local COVID-19 information	Sandwell Council updates: https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/localrestrictions
	COVID testing: https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/testsandwe



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Online Safety	NSPCC: https://www.net-aware.org.uk/online-safety-lockdown/
	Think You Know: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/
	Google Internet Legends advice for parents:
	https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/parents/