

2 May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

**We want to hear from you!**

Please take some time to read the information below.

We are currently working on a new initiative, in partnership with Bristol Diocese, Bristol Cathedral, and Cathedral Schools Trust, that aims to develop a pipeline of support for children and families in their community.

Between these organisations, our student communities are distinctively diverse and far-reaching across Bristol and further afield. Recent research has shown that children and young people in Bristol have higher than national rates of hospital admissions for self-harm, as well alcohol, drug related, and smoking related harm.

Because of these statistics, we are hoping to gather your perspective and/or experience with young people's engagement with damaging behaviours (i.e., smoking, drinking, and self-harm). Our learning from these perspectives will be used as guidance to help inform our approach to supporting and signposting our young people and their families.

**We invite you to come and share experience, thoughts, or ideas.**

Chaplain Josh and Jo Willis (Bristol Diocese) will be hosting an opportunity to meet and engage in creative, open discussion. You are encouraged to bring a friend or relative too. Below are the times and locations of these hosted discussions:

- Monday 13 May (9:30-11am). Faithspace, Prewett St, Redcliffe, Bristol BS1 6PB.
- Thursday 16 May, (9:30-11am). Faithspace, Prewett St, Redcliffe, Bristol BS1 6PB.

Please sign up here for one of these groups:

- Monday: <https://forms.gle/figGZNJGdur4zPe49>
- Thursday: <https://forms.gle/BUkbZ8vQbfG8BnBZ6>

These sessions will be approached sensitively, confidentially (within the parameters of our Safeguarding disclosure policy) and with the aim to learn from you. Please contact the school if you would like to speak with Chaplain Josh but are unavailable to attend the organised slots above.

Take Care,

Chaplain Josh