



# utopia

Young Person  
Induction and  
Information Pack  
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## Times of the Day

09:00 - 15:00

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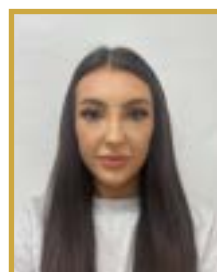
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**“ THANK YOU FOR  
EVERYTHING YOU HAVE  
DONE FOR ME, MY  
CONFIDENCE AND MY MIND ”**

**YEAR 10 LEARNER**



# Introduction



Welcome to Utopia



It was great to meet you and show you around our centre.



We are really excited for you to start and have put together this pack to give you some more information.



## Utopia Values

**Relationships** - developing the skills needed to make meaningful connections with others.

**Resilience** - learning to overcome difficulties and challenges that life throw at us

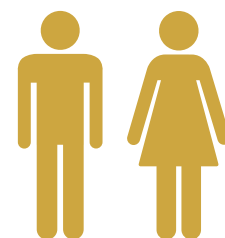
**Respect** - knowing what it means to flourish within a diverse modern Britain.



# Safeguarding



Making sure that you feel safe at Utopia is really important to us, you will be given a key worker who will check in with you each day who you can share any concerns with.



If for any reason you would prefer not to speak with your key worker then please get in touch with our safeguarding lead or deputy:

Designated Safeguarding Lead -  
Danny Cooke  
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Deputy Safeguarding Lead -  
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**It's ok to ask for help!**



# Utopia Expectations



Utopia staff set high expectations for all, we believe in doing this it encourages you to have respect for yourself and others around you.

Our expectations are as follows.

- To be respectful towards people, property and places
- To be safe (by never bringing drugs, alcohol or weapons on site)
- To try your best
- To work with staff to access the support on offer



## Offsite Activities

Some areas of the curriculum will be addressed through off-site activities and may include educational visits, outdoor education, sport or transition visits. We support you to make sure that you are comfortable taking part in these opportunities and have fun.

Trip expectations:

- Respect all centres property, equipment and staff
- Give things a go
- Ask for help if you need it
- Enjoy yourself



# Keeping Safe



We always aim to make you feel safe and welcome and believe that having good relationships with the staff working with you is the first step to success, but sometimes people get worried.

## What can you do if you are feeling worried?

- Talk with a trusted adult at Utopia
- Talk to someone at home
- Learn about how to keep safe lessons and in your tutor time programme.
- Online Safety for 11-18s (CEOP)
- [www.zillow.co.uk](http://www.zillow.co.uk)
- Access KOOOTH—this is a free on line service for children over 11 years



# Feeling Safe



## Physical Contact

**Child to child physical contact:** Keep physical contact to a minimum i.e. sports games, greetings and goodbyes, helping someone up.



**Safe Spaces:** The calm room is a safe space to support regulation if needed.



**Safe Spaces:** Use of identified, independent work areas and safe spaces are risk assessed and agreed with each learner and parent/carer alongside Utopia staff.



## Tips talking to a trusted adult

### Choose someone you feel safe with:

- Parent, carer, or someone else in your family
- Teacher, sports coach or a member of staff at your school
- Doctor, school nurse or a school counsellor
- Religious leader, for example a priest, imam or rabbi.

### Plan what you want to say

"I want to tell you something but I don't know how."

"This is hard for me to say, but I have something important to tell you."

"I need some advice on something I'm stressed about."





# British Values



At Utopia we will support you to:

## Spiritually

- Recognise the impact of yours and others' feelings.
- Understand how creative experiences can have a positive impact on your life.
- Be reflective about your own beliefs, values and ideas.
- Show persistence and help others to do so in a sensitive way.

## Morally

- Make reasoned judgements on moral dilemmas and where to get help.
- Act confidently to you own principles and able to explain these to others.
- Lead a considerate style of life and explain what this means.
- Sensitively deal with other people's lack of respect.

## Socially

- Show interest in and explain how diverse communities an societies function.
- Reflect on your own contribution to society and the world of work.
- Understand where it might be ok to ask for advice.
- Explain rights and responsibilities across

## Culturally

- Explain how cultural influences shape people's heritage.
- Explain how 'emerging world of shared culture' is changing communities.
- Sensitively challenge others whose behaviour has an impact on minorities.
- Understand how a range of influences

## Protected Characteristics

- Everyone is included at Utopia
- No 2 people are the same
- We celebrate our differences
- Our differences are all equal

There are 9 protected characteristics:

1. Age
2. Disability
3. Gender reassignment
4. Race
5. Religion or belief
6. Marriage or civil partnership
7. Sex
8. Sexual orientation
9. Pregnancy and maternity



# Useful information



## Smoking and Vaping

We are a No Smoking School and follow Wirral Borough Council Drug and Alcohol Policy. Learners are not permitted to smoke or vape at all during the school day. No-one is permitted to smoke or vape on school Premises.

If you feel this will be in issue in accessing Utopia please speak to us in advance.



## Attendance

At Utopia we want to support you to have the best attendance possible, if you have any worries about school, lessons or activities then please just tell us and we will do all we can to help.



## School Uniform

Utopia will be providing a t-shirt and hoody for you to wear if you wish, please give us the size that you would like us to order.

Please wear suitable clothing such as tracksuits bottoms, jeans, shorts and comfortable trainers or shoes that are appropriate to take part in activities.

