



## ROUND UP OF PYCP NEWS IN LOCKDOWN

May 2020



Time flies by and we are all missing going into work and most of all missing the children and young people who make our jobs so worthwhile.

We want to say a special thank you to all the other agencies who have come together to support the community and each other; being so flexible and creative in finding new ways of working.

Continuing to work with children, young people and their families is vital, but we are also mindful that we have to keep ourselves and the families we contact as safe as possible too.

It is great to see a connected community spirit at times like this and we hope going forward we continue to be a key part of this, supporting young people and families the best we can. The feedback we have received from local families, schools and other agencies has spurred us on to keep positive and help wherever we can, sometimes in ways we never thought possible!

A big thanks to all the children and young people that continue to keep connected with us and take part in some of the challenges we have set up on our PYCP/97 Facebook page and through our regular contact with PY workers.

8 weeks in lockdown is a good time to share some of the things the PY staff team and volunteers have been doing.

Best wishes from all the team at PYCP, stay at home and stay safe xx



## Want some help with home schooling?

Staff and volunteers are here to help parents and children with their questions on school work. This will continue even after lockdown is over.

We have a team of people wanting to help with maths, english, history, art, you name it we have someone who knows how to help you. No question is a silly one.

You can fill in our easy form on our website and get a reply posted back and also sent to you direct. We won't share your details with anyone else and you can even take a photo and send that to us to answer if you want.

<https://pycp.co.uk/homework-helpers/>

To find out what other questions have already been asked look on our noticeboard or click below:

<https://pycp.co.uk/homework-helpers/noticeboard/>



**How to contact a PYCP Youth Worker in Lockdown**

If you are child or young person who wants to chat to a PY youth worker then

**TEXT or WhatsApp a youth worker on**

**07933 501883**

or if you want to be retro then **EMAIL [info@pycp.co.uk](mailto:info@pycp.co.uk)**

**Thanks to kind donations, fundraisers from children, staff and families and support from our funders we have given out over the last 2 months:**

**20 Kindle Fires and 15 iPhones** to help families stay connected to friends and family without leaving their homes and to access school work

Delivered food and toiletries to families who are vulnerable and/or shielding.

We have given out over **£5000** in shopping vouchers, paid bills for families unable to pay for internet and utility bills.

This wouldn't have been possible without the donations and funding from these companies and organisations:



We would also like to say a huge thank you to all our other funders who have been so flexible and supportive in this challenging time.



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# PY Lockdown low down over the last 8 weeks

Over  
**70 families and their 200 children**  
have been supported by our Youth Work Team,  
Adele and Zoe

Making regular phone calls to parents and young people

Delivering food and vouchers

Giving advice and practical support with a range of issues including employment and money matters

We are becoming more involved with our groups digitally and youth workers will be getting in touch over the next few weeks to let young people know about new developments.

## Our 1:1 Intensive Support Service

Brian, Jill and Zoe are in regular contact with over **30 young people and their families**

Offering **1:1 support to children and young people** by phone and video call.

Supporting our **friendship group** through virtual messaging/ sessions.

Providing crisis support for the **whole family**, for example with housing issues and helping apply for jobs and benefits

Offering emotional support to **parents** with a range of issues

Liaising with **other agencies** to help families get the best support.

## FACENorth Alternative to Crime Service

During the lockdown Katie and James have supported **89 Families with hundreds of children and young** benefitting.

Our **FACENorth Project** is no exception to lockdown and we are making the most of digital services. Doing regular updates on Facebook, sharing support, photos and music online.

We are helping to pass on the rules of COVID-19 lockdown to young people and helping them to manage exercise, social distancing rules, connecting families to appropriate services including mental health, wellbeing support.

Buying food vouchers, applying for universal credit, crisis loans and budgeting advances

Contact [Katie@pycp.co.uk](mailto:Katie@pycp.co.uk) or [James@pycp.co.uk](mailto:James@pycp.co.uk) to find out more about our FACENorth project

## Free Tea & Treats for the first 40 PY Families to complete the survey

We are inviting PY families to complete a Lockdown online survey. None of your personal details will be shared and will be used for statistical research only.

We will be giving you the opportunity to tell us what you think of the service we are offering and giving you the chance to tell us how you feel and what you think we could do to help you.

It will only take a couple of minutes to complete and your opinions are important to us. As a little treat to say thank you for the first 40 PY families that completes the survey we will send you out a box of treats (1 box per family only) delivered to your door!



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