

Protection and Wider Safeguarding.

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Suicidal Ideation

At Ark Walworth Academy our aim is to provide a safe space in which the student can express their feelings and alert members of staff to take action.

All teachers and staff members should be aware of possible warning signs of suicide. Of particular concern should be a combination of such signs.

Where a disclosure is made by a student that they are feeling suicidal, an assessment will be carried out in order to ascertain how high the risk is.

Threshold for immediate appointment with A&E: Urgent

- If the student states that they know how they would likely commit suicide. (if they have made a plan)
- This conversation will be with a trained member of staff, either counselling trained or if it is the DSL/DDSL, with a therapeutic background, who will not be judgemental or intrusive. Students should be listened to and made to feel comfortable during the process of obtaining information.

Threshold for appointment with GP: ASAP

- If student states they are feeling low. Not sure if they want to be here anymore. No plan to commit suicide.
- This conversation will determine how best we can support the Student, whether via counselling in house or a referral into CAMHS. (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service)

In both instances, parents/carers should be asked to attend a meeting in school and advised accordingly.

If being advised to attend A&E, a letter will be written and given to the Parent/Carer, in order for them to take with them, which will give a brief summary of the concerns and reasons for sending to Hospital.

Students returning from a hospital visit should be monitored by their DOP and Inclusion co-ordinator, in order to flag any future concerns.

For further advice and guidance within Walworth Academy, you should contact your DDSL/DSL.

The Link below takes you to the NHS Choices Website, where you can find additional resources and guidance, including advice around warning signs and prevention.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/suicide/getting-help/>