

SELF-CARE

It has been proved that engaging in a self-care routine can reduce or eliminate anxiety, improve our mental health, reduce stress, improve concentration, minimise frustration and anger, increase happiness, improve energy, and lots more.

Self-care teaches you a lot about yourself and provides you with insight into what you need to be the best version of yourself. Self-care helps you cope better with stress and to prioritise what's important to you. You'll be better able to take care of others when you also take time to meet your own needs.

Self-care is important. It's okay to put yourself first. But thinking about your own mental wellbeing before others is something many people find hard to do. But it can be hard to live your life to please other people and this can have a major effect on your mental health.

While it is good to be kind and considerate of others and is something we should all do, you must find the balance of looking after yourself too. And it's not something you need to feel guilty about. We all matter and it's important that as well as being kind to others, we consider ourselves and our needs too. **Self-Care Isn't Selfish!**

SELF-CARE CHALLENGE

When you feel ready, look at our Self Care Challenge. Try to complete at least one act of self-care each day.

This list will be different for everybody, but the important thing is that you use your time to do things which you value. By doing this you increase your chances of getting more out of life, resulting in a sense of achievement and fulfilment, and improving your sense of general well-being.



30 DAY SELF CARE CHALLENGE

'Self-care is not self-indulgence, it is self-preservation' *Audre Lorde*

LISTEN TO AN UPLIFTING PODCAST

DO ONE THING YOU HAVE BEEN PUTTING OFF

LISTEN TO YOUR FAVOURITE SONG OR WATCH A FAVOURITE MOVIE

GO FOR A WALK OR RUN

TAKE A BREAK FROM SOCIAL MEDIA

GET AN EARLY NIGHT

MEET SOME FRIENDS/ FAMILY FOR A COFFEE

TRY OUT A YOGA OR MEDITATION VIDEO

TRY SOME BREATHING EXERCISES

DANCE LIKE NO-ONE IS WATCHING

DRINK WATER OFTEN

RELAX WITH A COSY BLANKET AND BOOK

DE-CLUTTER YOUR SPACE

COOK YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD

LEARN SOMETHING NEW

HAVE A HOME SPA DAY

HAVE A PJ DAY

TALK TO SOMEONE WHO MAKES YOU SMILE

MAKE A LIST OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS

MAKE A HOT CHOCOLATE WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS

WRITE DOWN YOUR GOALS

WRITE DOWN 3 THINGS YOU APPRECIATE ABOUT YOURSELF

START A JOURNAL

EAT A WELL-BALANCED DIET

REMOVE TOXIC PEOPLE FROM YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA

PAINT/DRAW A PICTURE

WATCH THE SUNSET

HAVE A 'NO SUGAR' DAY

READ INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES

BE KIND TO YOUR MIND

Self-care doesn't mean 'me first', it means 'me too'

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