

## How to develop your coping strategy & manage the effects of stress.

- 1. Take a break. If something is getting to you, take a break from the situation if you can. This might be going for a walk or taking regular breaks at work.
- 2. Do something you enjoy. Focus on doing activities or hobbies that make you feel happy and content.
- 3. Self-acceptance. Learning to like yourself boosts confidence and self-esteem, rather than allowing negative

- thought patterns to take over.
- 4. Fight worry with fitness.

  Exercise can help to quieten the mind because it reduces the stress hormones in your body and improves your fitness and mood.
- 5. Seek help. If you feel like it's all getting too much, reach out and ask for help and talk to your GP who can recommend options to help you feel better.

