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Pastoral additional support for pupils

We know that our children will have had a wide range of experiences over the last two years. Pupils may be experiencing a variety of emotions in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, such as anxiety, stress or low mood. This may particularly be the case for vulnerable children, including those with a social worker and young carers.

It is important to contextualise these feelings as normal responses to an abnormal, and prolonged, situation. Some children may be fearful of crowded places or becoming ill, some may have developed attachment issues, some may have been unsettled by repeated lockdowns, uncertainty and the constant change we have experienced.

We are very fortunate to have been able to increase our already strong pastoral team in response to pupil need. Our large team are able to continue to offer a variety of support to pupils. The team are as follows:

- Mrs Bone – Lead Family Liaison Officer
- Mrs Bicknell – Family Liaison Officer
- Mrs Pacelli – School Counsellor
- Mrs Lambourne - Matron
- Mrs Bazeley – Family Liaison Officer
- Mrs White – Family Liaison Officer
- Lead TAs – Offering additional Pastoral support

We offer support for our pupils including:

- Supporting children to develop friendships and deal with friendship issues
- Supporting pupils to develop or improve their resilience and mental wellbeing
- Supporting pupils to deal with bereavements
- Supporting children to deal with change
- Supporting children to come in to school in the mornings
- Support from programmes such as Helping Hands and Young Carers to provide bespoke support for specific needs
- Counsellor support
- Weekly wellbeing sessions in all classes

In addition to the support the pastoral team offers, we also provide support in class. Classes have designated well-being sessions on their timetable. The sessions will allow children to express and explore how they are feeling and talk about strategies that may help them deal with change and their emotions.

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Outside agencies

If we feel that a child would benefit from support from outside agencies, such as school nursing, we will contact parents to discuss the kind of support that may be beneficial and the support the organisation may be able to offer.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Skinner

Inclusion, Pastoral and Safeguarding Lead

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