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Dear Parents/Carers

Learning Mentor Intervention Groups – Autumn Term 2026

At Bywell, our core values, school ethos and positive behaviour policy, support everyone to learn in a happy and safe environment. In addition to Class Teachers and Educational Support Assistants, our Learning Mentors (Mrs Allen, Miss Bancroft, Miss Dent and Mrs Turver) support a variety of children's needs by offering 1:1 sessions and intervention groups covering social and emotional health and well-being, safeguarding and attendance. Additionally, Miss Dent is trained as an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) and Miss Bancroft and Mrs Allen support safeguarding and families.

Pastoral intervention is an integral part of our school with over a quarter of children in the school. accessing the support each term as we recognise, more than ever, the importance of supporting our children's well-being. Our children love attending the small group sessions and feedback from parents in the past about the groups has been very positive. This term our focus will be on supporting pupils with settling into new classes, expectations and routines and in some cases a new school. We will be supporting pupils in small groups and in 1:1 sessions where necessary.

After discussions with Class Teachers, Learning Mentor knowledge, transition notes both within our own school, for our newest pupils from infant schools and sometimes parents, we have been able to offer your child a place in the group highlighted below:

1:1 Session – Specifically catered for each individual child
Mighty Amigos – Identifying their own worth and individual values as a friend
Happy Mindset – Implementing strategies to promote confidence and self-esteem
Bee Myself – Opportunity for children to express themselves and have some me time (supporting those returning to the main classroom from Blossom)
Lego Therapy – 1:3 team building and following instructions.
Lunchtime Group – Supported playtime group indoor and outdoor play
Social Speaking and Confidence – building confidence, working as a group, social expectations
ELSA – Specialised Emotional Literacy (Miss Dent)
Happy to Be Here! – Supporting children to settle into the school routines in the mornings.
Chatterbox Children – Widening vocabulary and supporting social conversations
Welcome to Year 6 – Supporting pupils manage the increased expectations of Year 6
Welcome to Bywell – For pupils new to school in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Creative Expression - Supporting well-being through arts and craft activities
Fresh Start - Understanding expectations, following rules/boundaries, anxieties etc

The intervention groups generally take place in the afternoon to try to ensure that there is limited impact on the core subjects of English and Maths. The sessions will be interactive, an opportunity for your child to share ideas and thoughts with others and consider different situations/scenarios and strategies to deal with them.

The groups will run for a number of weeks within the Autumn Term so that we are able to offer support to a wide number of pupils. If you wish to discuss informally with Learning Mentors the content of the group or 1:1 or share anything you feel may support your child within the intervention, just contact school. If you have any questions regarding the sessions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Class Teacher or mentors (Mrs Allen, Miss Dent, Mrs Turver, Ms Bancroft)

Kind Regards - The Bywell Pastoral Support Team