

Mental Health, Wellbeing and Resilience Policy

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We promote a caring, supportive environment in which each individual is valued and respected. We have high expectations for all and aspire to achieve excellence.

Scott Primary School recognises that all children and young people need the foundation of positive mental health to benefit fully from all of the opportunities available to them.

Everyone experiences life challenges that can make us vulnerable. At times, anyone may need additional support to maintain or develop good mental health.

The mental health of children and young people, adults in schools, parents and carers and the wider whole school community will impact on all areas of development, learning, achievement and experiences.

All children and young people have the right to be educated in an environment that supports and promotes positive mental health, wellbeing and resilience for everybody. All adults have the right to work in an environment that supports and promotes positive mental health for everybody.

Scott Primary School is committed to raising awareness, increasing understanding and ensuring that it can make a difference by providing a place where all children and young people feel safe, secure and able to achieve and experience success and well-being.

Scott Primary School endeavors to offer a learning environment that promotes and enhances positive mental health. A consistent approach means that the school environment and school ethos all promote the mental health of the whole school community.

Healthy relationships underpin positive mental health and have a significant impact.

A mentally healthy environment has:

- A clear and agreed ethos and culture that accords value and respect to all
- A commitment to being responsive to children and young people's needs
- Clear guidelines for internal and external referrals
- Strong links with external agencies to provide access to support and information
- A named lead for mental health promotion with the expectation that there is support and involvement and an ethos that 'mental health is everyone's business'

A mentally healthy environment is a place where children and young people:

Have opportunities to participate in activities that encourage belonging