

Social, Emotional and Mental Health Well-being Statement

All young people deserve the best start in life. But too often, young people with social, emotional and mental health needs are not able to fulfil their potential. We know that mental health and wellbeing are vital to children's ability to thrive and achieve and believe that early intervention is instrumental in ensuring this. At Springcroft Primary School, we want to ensure that all young children and young people have access to high quality wellbeing support and recognise social, emotional and mental health needs as part of the SEND Code of Practice.

The Departments for Education and Health had produced a green paper for consultation (Dec 2017 until March 2018) and this can be located at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/664855/T ransforming children and young people s mental health provision.pdf

The Government response report on Transforming Children and Young People's Mental Health Provision: A Green Paper can be found at:

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Staff at Springcroft Primary School, receive ongoing training to enable them to recognise and understand the needs of children who may be experiencing a need for support.

We use a variety of tools and programmes underpinned by the requirements of the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice (2014). This can be located at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/664855/Transforming_children_and_young_people_s_mental_health_provision.pdf

A programme used for supporting the emotional needs of children, young people and their families is Hope (Helping our pupil's emotions). This is led by Mrs E Gleave, who is the fully trained project co-ordinator in school. This is accessed in several ways:

- Children are able to self-refer via the 'listening ear'
- Parents can request support for their child if they have concerns
- School staff can refer through an in-school process

Where referrals are made by pupils or staff, parental consent will always be sought.

In addition to this, both Mrs E Gleave and Mrs J Rushton holds a NCFE Level Two Certificate in Counselling Skills.

Referrals may also be made to external providers such as:

- Dove (Bereavement counselling)
- ARCH (Domestic violence support)
- CAMHS (Child and adolescent mental health services)
- Families First (Staffordshire County Council)
- Children and Families Staffordshire