

WAS

promoting
wellbeing
and mental
health

in partnership with



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Wellbeing Award for Schools (WAS)

Promote emotional wellbeing and mental health across your school

Make your school a place of emotional wellbeing and support by improving mental health provision for all pupils and staff.

This whole-school award offers a supportive and developmental process using an evidence-based framework to drive change.

Undertaking this Award will ensure that mental health and wellbeing sit at the heart of your school life now and in the future, as well as helping you to demonstrate your outstanding provision to key stakeholders.

What's in the Wellbeing Award for Schools framework?

Positive culture

Ensure that emotional wellbeing and mental health is regarded as the responsibility of all.

Stakeholder participation

Work with the whole-school community to support emotional wellbeing and mental health.

Staff wellbeing

Actively promote emotional wellbeing and mental health for your staff.

Training for staff

Offer high-quality, ongoing professional development so your staff feel confident responding to pupils' needs.

Vision and strategy

Commit to a clear strategy that promotes and protects emotional wellbeing and mental health.

Supportive networks

Ensure systems and external partnerships are in place to support different types of emotional and mental health needs.

The Award has a focus on 'impact and outcomes' for pupils, so that schools can demonstrate specific and wider impacts of wellbeing policies and interventions.

In partnership with the National Children's Bureau

For more than 50 years the National Children's Bureau (NCB) have been making a huge difference to the lives of children and young people, especially the most vulnerable. We have partnered with NCB to create an award that helps schools to mitigate and prevent mental health and wellbeing issues in schools and their local community.

How do schools achieve the Wellbeing Award for Schools?

First steps

audit your current provision

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- Send out specialised questionnaires to stakeholders and collect feedback online
- Complete a school self-evaluation to evaluate current provision against the award framework

Next step

plan your action

Use the feedback and the self-evaluation to create your action plan with our online dynamic action planning tool

This could involve a one-day visit from one of our expert Award Advisers

Next step

collect evidence

Evidence may include photos, videos or documents

- You can use the secure e-portfolio in your account to store evidence
- Re-send the stakeholder questionnaires to evaluate the impact of the changes you have made

Another chance to get a visit from one of our expert Award Advisers

Next step

ready for verification?

One of our Award Verifiers will visit your school to evaluate evidence, speak to pupils, parents and staff, and ensure that the work you have done meets the Award standards

Next step

accreditation

If you've met the standards, you'll achieve the Award!

- You'll receive a digital badge to display on your website, a framed certificate, and a detailed report from the Verifier
- Tell the world about your achievement by posting about it on social media!

Maintain your exceptional provision during your three-year accreditation

After three years, renew your accreditation by applying for Reassessment

An Award Verifier will visit your school to check that you are continuing to meet the standards of the Award.

Next step

keep going



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