

Statement of Mental Health and Pastoral Intent

Moral Purpose

Alexandra Park Junior School is passionate about making a difference to the lives of children. We believe in teamwork; working with each other, with teachers and colleagues across the school, with the wider school community and most importantly with children in our school. We act with determination. Whatever issues our children, their families, the school, our team or the community face, we always support, react and pull together. Finally, we are committed to making a difference; we are not passive players in children's lives but active participants who can and do make a real difference. These are a reflection of the school's curriculum intent statement and core values. We are here to 'Learn, be happy and achieve our best!'

Our moral purpose can therefore be summarised below -

- Teamwork.
- Commitment.
- Resilience

What Inclusion and Effective Mental Health Interventions Means To Us

- The child stays at the centre of every conversation.
- We prioritise those who need our help most, but we intervene with all.
- When young people are here, we can support and educate them – attendance is our priority.
- Young people learn best when there are clear rules and simple consequences.
- Staff teach best when there are clear rules and simple consequences.
- We use evidence-based practice for all our interventions.

Expectations of Each Other

- Notes are kept up to date.
- Have read and understood section one of Keeping Young People Safe in Education.
- Make sure you know our behaviour, SEMH, attendance and safeguarding policies and protocols.
- Attend duties to support the wider school community.
- Attend meetings on time and prepared.
- Ensure wave one pastoral work is evidenced.
- Speak to children, staff and each other with courtesy, respect and understanding.



Safeguarding

- Safeguarding children is prioritised.
- All staff across the school have training annually with reminders throughout the year at briefings, staff meetings and inset days.
- All new staff have safeguarding training as part of their induction.
- All staff at the school recognise that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, that they should have read and understood section one of Keeping Young People Safe in Education 2022, that early intervention is key and that context matters.
- All notes are kept securely.
- Our pastoral care (including our DSL's, pastoral leads, teachers and non - teaching staff) are experts in this field supported by the J.Seabright (Headteacher).

Attendance

- All staff have a role to play in ensuring each child attends school every day.
- Pastoral leads support by providing first wave support, checking in with students who have poor or low attendance.
- All of the School Team work to remove barriers to good school attendance.
- We work together with external agencies to address and remove barriers to school attendance.
- We prioritise students who are classed as disadvantaged, SEMH or SEN, however, we are passionate about providing the same support to all students, irrespective of background.
- We follow the protocols which are in place, acknowledging that each child and situation is different and adjusting as required.

Behaviour

- Good behaviour allows for teachers to teach and children to learn.
- We have a moral obligation to prepare young people for the rigours of work and life beyond education.
- We are here to educate the whole child, helping with their moral and personal development.
- We apply the protocols for each child, acknowledging that each child and situation is different and adjusting as required.
- We prioritise children who are classed as disadvantaged, SEMH or SEN, however, we are passionate about providing the same support to all students, irrespective of background.
- We make reasonable adjustments for students with special educational needs or vulnerable students.
- We have a support-based approach for high expectations for learning.
- We involve parents in supporting their child to improve their behaviour.



Pastoral Care/Mental Health

- Pastoral support is driven by our moral purpose.
- We do not give up on children and constantly look for ways to support them.
- Our interventions are directed by evidence-based practice.
- Our pastoral team and all staff are passionate about becoming experts in their field around pastoral and mental health support.
- We work with numerous external agencies to support our children.
- We recognise that early intervention is vital.
- We involve parents as appropriate in the support which we put in place.
- Our interventions are assessed and evaluated using entry and exit questionnaires.
- The mental health of our students and staff is of the highest priority.

Our Inclusion Intent statement places high value on excellent school practice and research evidence to inform the overarching principles above.

