

## Pastoral Care at Edgar Stammers Primary Academy

At Edgar Stammers Primary Academy our aim is to provide the highest quality pastoral care throughout the school. All staff work together to help pupils at Edgar Stammers achieve their best, educationally, socially and emotionally. Every member of staff is committed to supporting the emotional health and well-being of all our children and their families. All staff are happy to speak to pupils and parents/carers about any concerns they may have. However, we also have a dedicated Pastoral Care Team, who are responsible for 'Inclusion' within the school.

Our aims are:

- To provide an environment which will support the emotional health and well-being of all our pupils.
- To support and empower families who are experiencing challenges.
- To meet the differing needs of all our children so that each unique child is equipped with life-long skills.
- To help our children develop empathy for social, spiritual, emotional and physical needs within the school.
- To maintain an atmosphere in which children feel secure, are encouraged in their learning, growth and social development and know that they are valued within a healthy and safe environment.
- To model for parents/carers that their children are being educated in a safe and nurturing environment.
- To motivate pupils to recognise and reflect upon our core values which are: READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE.
- To promote positive relationships with parents/carers through good communication and interaction.
- To enhance parental awareness of how children learn and the importance of education.
- To work with a range of stakeholders, parents, support staff, outreach agencies and other schools to ensure the best outcomes for every pupil.

## **Support in School**

We offer a range of support within school, which includes:

- Breakfast club
- Lunchtime club
- Playground buddies
- After school clubs (Sports, Eco Club and Chill and Chat)
- Nurture
- My Star
- A range of interventions
- Additional external agency support (Base 25, Women's Aid, School Nurse and Young Carers)
- Wolves-problem solving, team work and resilience coaching

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast club currently runs twice a week on a Monday and a Wednesday with the intention for it to be open every school day in the near future. It provides an opportunity for children to have a nutritional breakfast and some exercise before their school day as research shows this significantly improves their learning.

### **Lunch Time Club**

Lunchtime club is ran by our Family Support Worker and provides a nurturing lunchtime environment for our children who experience difficulty with social interactions. She supports the children in making good choices when in play situations and teaches them how to play cooperatively. Thus, providing a stable base for children to come when unable cope on large play or noisy situations.

### **Lunch Time Buddies**

At Edgar Stammers Primary Academy, our children have the opportunity to become members of our 'lunchtime buddies' team. They offer a range of calm and active activities that suit the interests of our children. Their role is to support Ms Smith on the playground, around corridors and help to collect and maintain playground equipment. Furthermore, through working with WHG, we also now have nine children, across key stage 1 and 2, who are qualified Play Leaders and ambassadors on our playground.

## **After School Clubs**

Here at Edgar Stammers we offer a wide range of after school clubs that develop children's emotional and social wellbeing along with teaching them resilience, team work and self-motivation.

Examples are:

- Wolves Academy Football
- Homework Club
- Multi Skills
- Chill and Chat
- Mindfulness
- Dance
- Eco Club

## **Nurture**

Nurture groups are short-term, focused intervention for children with particular social, emotional and behavioural difficulties, which are creating a barrier to learning within a mainstream class.

Each group consists of between 6 to 10 children led by a nurture leader. Children attending the nurture group remain an active part of their main class, spending appropriate times within the nurture group according to their need, and typically return full time to their own class.

Nurture groups assess learning, social and emotional needs and give help where needed to remove the barriers to learning. The relationship between the two nurture staff is always nurturing and supportive, providing a role model for children. Pupils complete a Boxhall Profile on entering and exiting Nurture so the provision can meet their specific needs.

## **Interventions**

Here at Edgar Stammers we offer a range of interventions to support children with their learning. The purpose of an early intervention is to ensure children have the maximum opportunity to accelerate their learning. There are many interventions across school but in particular, from a pastoral point of view, we are pleased to offer our children an alternative experience: 'Woodland Adventures'.

## **External Agency Support**

### **Base 25** *To improve the ability of young people to manage their anger*

The Base 25 Anger Management Programme is for children and young people. The structured programme is tailored to meet the needs of the individual or group. Junior, our School Counsellor, visits us once a week.

### **Specific aims**

- To increase self esteem
- To increase self-confidence
- To increase emotional resilience

### **Bereavement counselling**

Walsall Bereavement Support Service offers free support to bereaved children, young people and their families who live in the Walsall borough.

### **School Nursing Service**

School Nurses are qualified nurses with specialist training in public health for children, young people and families. We are skilled in identifying health problems or concerns early, to provide early support.

School nurses lead and deliver the healthy child programme and support sessions within school where appropriate.

We also have pupils supported by:

- Women's Aid
- Virtual School
- Young Carers
- CAHMS
- Early Help

If you would like support with any issue, school or home related, please get in touch today:

- Speak to any member of staff you feel comfortable talking to.
- Contact Mrs Sarah William by email:  
swilliams@edgarstammers.walsall.sch.uk or via the school office.
- Contact Miss Giles (SENCo) via the school office.