

How Good are we?

“Pupils say they feel safe in school. Parents agree that the school successfully promotes all aspects of their children’s welfare. They are very complimentary about the school’s ‘well-being’ team who play a key role in keeping their children safe and happy. The responses by members of the team to areas of concern are greatly appreciated by pupils, who say that, ‘They always listen to us and sort out our problems.’ “

Ofsted May 2015 - rated Good



Our Offer:

Well Being Mentors (WBM) offer support based on a therapeutic model. This may include:

- 1:1 support within class, but time limited.
- An agreed period of time withdrawn from class—one off or planned programme e.g. Friendship groups anger management, social skills, self esteem, restorative work.
- Light touch—pupil returns to class after given time limit to be successful.
- WBM makes brief return visits to reinforce.
- Short de-briefing takes place between MBM & teacher.
- Small groups/paired work on a set target/focus e.g. social skills, Emotional Literacy.
- Being an advocate—meeting children at the gate, sharing success with parents & other staff—catching them being good!
- Offering structured support for breaks/lunch times.
- Games Zone—structured supervised play at break and lunchtimes.
- Play Therapy—limited access dependant on priorities.
- Playground Buddies scheme training & development.
- Family support.
- Bereavement support.
- Support with issues around attendance.

Our Family Liaison Officer (FLO) is also our Early Help manager and through Early Help process families can access support from a range of outside agencies including:

- Early intervention, to support parents & families.
- Rising Sun—domestic abuse.
- Foodbank
- Umbrella Centre Whitstable—holiday clubs.
- Dare to Differ: - A provision which offers targeted interventions dedicated to improving the well-being and mental health of children.

Visit the school website to find out more about our ethos and the impact of our Well Being Team on school results and children's happiness:
www.whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk



Whitstable Junior School

The Well Being Team



**Happy children
Successful learners**



Well Being Team

The Aim of the Well Being Team (WBT):

To support any youngster in their social and emotional development with a view to:

- Enhancing their social and emotional well-being.
- Improving their social and emotional skills in order for them to be more successful members of the school community, family and ultimately society.
- Enhance learning and thereby attainment.

INTRODUCING THE TEAM:

Annie Knoupe: WBT Leader

Naomi Kernighan: Flo/Early Help Manager/ Play Therapist & WBT

Leanne Barlow : Well Being Mentor



Annie
Knoupe



Naomi
Kernighan



Leanne
Barlow

HOW IT WORKS:

The Team works with pupils identified by the school at first, but is also available for other pupils on a referral basis. Referrals may be from the children themselves, parents staff or outside agencies who know about our work.

We have weekly meetings to organise our support and share information. Any concerns or referrals are raised at these meetings and a Team Member is assigned to work with the child / family/ teacher/ staff member. We often work with groups of children.

The purpose of this team is to be proactive rather than reactive—to support identified children to enable them to be successful, to advocate these children and to prevent issues before they arise—wherever possible!

Who can access the team?

Any child, any time for any reason!

We will always try and find a solution—sometimes this will be very quick, sometimes it may take more planning and a little longer. We aim to respond as fast as possible, and do prioritise so that the most urgent needs are supported first.

Who pays for the team?

The Team is fully funded by the school. Sometimes parents opt to pay for Play Therapy themselves as this resource is cost limited for us.

Parents as partners:

The School is committed to working with parents and carers as partners and this will underpin the work of the WBT.

Support from outside of school

Parents have the right to opt out of WBT support for their child, however, we also support parents by signposting to other agencies and services who can support families at home.

SAFEGUARDING

If we feel a child is at risk of harm, we will follow statutory Child Protection procedures and consult with Social Services.



CONTACT:

Children can speak to a team member directly in school during breaks and lunch or ask at the School Office to see someone. Teachers/staff can refer through internal systems in school.

Parents can contact any of the Team Members via the School Office or see them in person on the gate each day at the beginning and end of the day.

Telephone: 01227 272385

Email: manager@whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk

*Come and meet us on the gate!
No problem too small or too big for us to handle!*