

Whitstable Junior School

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14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted to share with you that Whitstable Junior School has chosen to work towards being accredited with the Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health in Schools Award.

Carnegie School of Education based at Leeds Beckett University and Minds Ahead CIC have developed a School Mental Health Award to give schools and academies a framework for whole school mental health development. By embracing the ideals of the award, we are demonstrating a deep commitment to developing our practice further as we place the mental health and wellbeing of our pupils and staff at the core of our school alongside our commitment to having a rich whole school culture where all members of our school community can thrive.

We look forward to sharing how we, as a community, are further developing our practises in relation to mental health and wellbeing over the coming months. Further information about the award can be found on the Leeds Beckett University website <a href="https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/schoolmh">www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/schoolmh</a>

The Mental Health Lead is myself, and I am able to answer any questions you may have about the award and would also be interested in talking with parents or carers who have an interest in, or work within mental health.

Yours sincerely,

Ms K Collin AHT/SENCO













