

# Buckland Primary School

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Dear families,

I am delighted to inform you that Buckland Primary has received national accreditation for the tremendous work that has gone into promoting emotional wellbeing and mental health (EWMH) across the school over the last few years. Consequently, we have been awarded the Wellbeing Award for Schools, in partnership with the National Children's Bureau, and the logo below will be added to our website.



The Wellbeing Award for Schools Award focuses on changing the long-term culture of schools by using an evidence-based framework to drive change. Our bespoke wellbeing provision enables daily support for every pupil, their family and staff, with the assessor highlighting:

'A focus on EWMH is embedded in provision across the school and informs its *Believe, Excel, Strive, Together (BEST)* vision.'

In addition, some highlights in the final report were:

- Wellbeing is a key thread of the PSHE curriculum and supportive behaviour policies and is celebrated in displays and affirmations around the school.
- Leaders conduct regular stakeholder surveys focusing on different aspects of EWMH and have made particular efforts to engage with parents.
- The school has invested in bespoke training for staff to help support and work with pupils with additional needs.
- The school's dedicated Wellbeing Team, which includes non-teaching staff, all have roles in supporting families and work effective with outside agencies.
- Children are actively involved in the provision and liaise closely with adult leaders e.g. Friendship Crew, Pupil Parliament and Digital Leaders.
- A strong feature is the school's work around transition. All pupils access the programme during the summer term alongside bespoke sessions delivered by the Mental Health Support Team.

We would like to thank those pupils, staff and governors who met with our verifier to share their experiences and for all the parents who willingly shared the support they have received.

Our work linked to wellbeing will not stop here. As a school we will continue to engage with our community, share information via our website and outwardly work with local parents to ensure the wellbeing of everyone is at the forefront of everything we do.

Yours sincerely  
Rebecca Hutton  
Headteacher

Lucy Wales  
Wellbeing Co-ordinator & PSHE Lead

