

Statement of Mental Health and Pastoral Intent



Moral Purpose

St Leonard's School is passionate about making a difference to the lives of young people. We believe in teamwork; working with each other, with teachers and colleagues across the school, with the wider school community and most importantly with the young people in our school. We act with determination. Whatever issues our students, 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 young people's lives but active participants who can and do make a real difference. These are a reflection of the school's core values, in particular 'Resilient', 'Confident', 'Respectful', 'Responsible', 'Caring' and 'Reflective'.

What Inclusion and Effective Mental Health Interventions Mean 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 matters.
- 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 of 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 students, staff and each other with courtesy, respect and understanding.

SAFEGUARDING

- Safeguarding students comes above everything else we do.
- 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 2021, that early intervention is key and that context matters.
- All notes are kept securely.
- The DSL and the DDSL's support and advise all staff as required in this field.

ATTENDANCE

- All staff have a role to play in ensuring each child attends school.
- Classroom staff support by providing first wave support, checking in with students who have poor or low attendance.
- All staff work together with parents and children to remove barriers to good school attendance.
- We work together with external agencies to address and remove barriers to school attendance.
- 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 students 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 student, acknowledging that each child and situation is different and adjusting as required.
- We prioritise students who are classed as disadvantaged, SEMH or SEND, 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 Restorative Practice approach and acknowledge that all behaviour is a form of communication when supporting our young people.
- We involve parents in supporting their child to improve their behaviour.

PASTORAL CARE/MENTAL HEALTH

- Pastoral support is driven by our moral purpose (see previous page).
- We do not give up on students and constantly look for ways to support them.
- Our interventions are directed by evidence-based practice.
- Our Inclusion Team are passionate about becoming experts in their field around pastoral and mental health support.
- We work with numerous external agencies to support our students.
- We recognise that early intervention is vital.
- We involve parents when 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.