



**Executive Headteacher: Tim Rome**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to let you know about Woodcote Primary's continued work with Place2Be, a national charity supporting schools to improve the confidence and wellbeing of children and young people.

Place2Be provides emotional and therapeutic support to pupils, families and staff in more than 250 schools nationwide.

It gives pupils a space to express themselves through talking and creative work, and think about any worries they might have. Place2Be also provides support for parents and staff too. A leaflet is attached to tell you more about Place2Be and its work.

### **Place2Talk**

One of the most popular aspects of this service is called 'Place2Talk'. It is open to all pupils, and they can make an appointment to spend 15 minutes with a trained counsellor, either by themselves or with a friend. On average, about a third of pupils in Place2Be's schools take advantage of this service every year. Pupils often talk about friendships or any worries they may have.

Place2Be will record your child's name, date of birth, year group, gender, ethnicity, the broad topic of discussion and any actions taken as a result of the session. This information is stored securely. It is used in key coded form to evaluate Place2Be's service and improve their work. If you would like more information on this, please request Place2Be's Data Protection and GDPR Information from Natalie Conway via [conway@woodcoteprimary.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:conway@woodcoteprimary.croydon.sch.uk)

### **Parental Agreement for Accessing Place2Talk**

Unless we hear otherwise from you, the school and Place2Be will assume that your child has parent/carers' permission to come to Place2Talk.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Dante Bortagaray (Place2Be School Project Manager) on [dante.bortagaray@place2be.org.uk](mailto:dante.bortagaray@place2be.org.uk) who will be very happy to answer any questions.

If you would prefer that your child does not use this service, please return the attached slip or email [conway@woodcoteprimary.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:conway@woodcoteprimary.croydon.sch.uk)

Kind regards,

Mrs Natalie Conway

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# Place2Be at Woodcote



School Project Manager: Dante

Working days: Monday and Thursday

Contact: Through the main office, via email [Dante.Bortagaray@place2be.org.uk](mailto:Dante.Bortagaray@place2be.org.uk) and Dante will be available on the playgrounds or via the school office during morning drop off.

## Place2Be: One-to-one counselling for children



- A child can be referred by a staff member or parent via Natalie Conway
- Dante completes assessments with parent and child (separately)
- Child is allocated to a counsellor
- Child attends Place2Be for counselling once a week, on the same day at the same time.

## Place2Talk:

- Lunch time drop in service for all children in the school
- Children self-refer through posting a Place2Talk slip in the Place2Be post box
- Up to 3 children can attend at one time
- 15 minute slots



## Place4Parents:

- A place for parents to discuss worries, problems or concerns about their child with a counsellor in a safe supportive space.
- Wednesday mornings
- Arrange a meeting with Dante or Natalie Conway to be allocated a time-slot

## What to do if you are worried about your child?

- Talk to Dante, Natalie Conway or another member of staff

*Parents can sometimes find it difficult to talk to their children about sensitive matters*

*Place2Be can offer help in finding the best way to support you and your child.*



Please return to Natalie Conway

I do not want my child to participate in Place2Talk

Child's name..... Class.....

Parent Name.....

Signature..... Date.....