

# Support for Emotional and Social Development

## Emotional Development

Wormley Primary School proudly earned the Wellbeing Award for Schools (WAS) which acknowledges a culture of valuing well-being and supporting the mental health needs of the whole school. Positive mental health and well-being is promoted throughout the whole school with additional support where needed. As a school we have developed and promoted [4 Wellbeing Agents](#) (Agent Kinetic, Agent Nutrition, Agent Mindfulness and Agent Lifestyle).

We offer a range of provision to support children with differing emotional and social needs including;

- Nurture garden,
- Mantaray nurture lunch group,
- Breakfast club,
- Calm room,
- Safe pods,
- Well-being Champs champions,
- Daily mile,
- Play therapy,
- Emotional 'check ins'
- Social skills groups,
- Lego therapy,
- Bead therapy,
- Happy to be Me sessions.

We employ a private play therapist one day a week, who supports our pupils with the most complex emotional and social needs. From September 2020 we will also work with a trainee play therapist who will support children with less complex emotional and social needs. Wormley is also a hub school for the national trailblazer project. As a result the school has weekly support from two mental health support practitioners (MHSP) who offer coaching to parents to enable them to support their children as well as group

intervention for children. We also work closely with the Local Authority and private providers of additional services, such as Educational Psychologists, Occupational Therapy, CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service), school nursing service, Social Services and Medical Professionals to support the child's emotional needs.

## Pastoral and Social Care

We have a whole school [social learning agenda](#) which focuses on making visible the social aspects of children's learning in order to maximize individual learning potential, accelerate progress and raise attainment. This is through the [7 Learning Agents](#) (Agent Curious, Agent Considerate, Agent Creative, Agent Resilient, Agent Reflective, Agent Cooperative, Agent Strategy). Please see the Social Learning page of the website for more information on this.

## Hertfordshire's STEPS Therapeutic Approach to Behaviour

Wormley Primary School is committed to a therapeutic approach to behaviour management. Two members of the leadership team are trained tutors in this approach and the whole school is Hertfordshire STEPS trained. Please find more information on this approach in our [behaviour policy: Rights and Responsibilities](#).