

8th March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Pastoral Care Events and Update

On **Wednesday 15th March at 2.30pm** we will be holding a drugs and alcohol workshop for parents and carers. The workshop will be led by a member of the Manchester Healthy Schools team and supported by Debbie Carter and Lisa Cameron from our Pastoral Team. If you would like to attend the workshop please complete the slip below and return it to the school office. We apologise that we are giving less than the usual two weeks' notice for this workshop- this is due to us awaiting a date from the Manchester Healthy Schools team for them to deliver the session. We will make sure that any information from the session is put on school website so that all parents are able to access this.

Next half term our new SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) unit, which will be taught across the school, will be 'Relationships'. This theme is the second of two units focussing specifically on feelings. It explores feelings within the context of our important relationships including family and friends.

The theme aims to develop knowledge, understanding and skills in three key social and emotional aspects of learning: self-awareness, managing feelings, and empathy. In addition, there is a focus throughout the theme on helping children understand the feelings associated with an experience that we all need to cope with at some time- that of loss – whether of a favourite possession, a friend, a family home, or a loved one.

We will also be running our Pride Unit of Work in Key Stages 1 and 2 in all classes, from Manchester Healthy Schools. This is a web-based drugs and safety education programme aimed at 5 - 11 year olds. In addition to the above, we will also be running a series of workshops and interventions to support our children through SATs, the Year 6 residential trip, and preparing for an exciting transition project in Summer 2.

Mrs Carter also hosts drops in sessions for parents every Friday between 3.00pm and 3.30pm, which is an opportunity to discuss anything that you feel is having an impact on your **child's wellbeing**. This could be anything from changing family relationships, to a house move, to a change of friendship groups. Please note that this is a meeting to discuss pastoral issues and therefore the focus will **not** be on academic progress. If you would like to book a drop-in slot, please contact Mrs Carter at d.carter@oswaldroad.manchester.sch.uk.

Kind regards,

The Pastoral Team

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Child's name: _____ Class: _____

I will be attending the Drugs and Alcohol Workshop on **Wednesday 15th March** []

Signed (Parent/Carer): _____ Date: _____



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