



---part of the Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership---

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to let you know about Selwood's 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 children and young people, families and staff in more than 550 schools nationwide.

It gives children and young people a space to express themselves through talking and creative work, and to think about any worries they might have. Place2Be also provides support for parents and staff too. For more information about Place2Be and its work please see the Place2Be website (www.place2be.org.uk) or speak to your child's **Class teacher/Form Tutor** or the Place2Be staff member(s) in the school.

Place2Talk

One of the most popular aspects of this service is called 'Place2Talk'. It's open to all children and young people at Selwood 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 children and young people in Place2Be schools take advantage of this service every year. Children and young people 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 and is anonymised to evaluate Place2Be's service and improve our work.

Parental Agreement for Accessing Place2Talk

If your child is aged 12+ it is assumed that they are able to agree to access Place2Talk and for their information to be recorded independently. If you have concerns regarding this, please contact Vicki Dale The schools Place2Be MHP/Counsellor at vicki.dale@place2be.org.uk who will be very happy to answer any questions.

For children aged under 12. Please complete this google form below so your child can use the Place2talk service. [Place2talk Consent Form](#)

Kind Regards

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Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility - Selwood Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and we expect all members of staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.