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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to let you know about the partnership work Selwood Academy is undertaking with Place2Be. This is a national charity supporting schools to improve the confidence and wellbeing of children and young people, supported as patron by the Princess of Wales.

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. For more information about Place2Be and its work please take a look at the Place2Be website ([www.place2be.org.uk](http://www.place2be.org.uk)) or contact the school and speak to Lucy Loubser(Lucy.Loubser@place2be.org.uk) our Place2Be staff member at Selwood or Jadie Parker (jadie.parker@selwood-academy.co.uk) , our Pastoral Assistant. They will be very happy to answer any questions you might have.

### **Place2Talk**

One of the most popular aspects of this service is called 'Place2Talk'. It's open to all children and young people at Selwood Academy, and they can make an appointment to spend 15 minutes with a trained counsellor. 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.

As part of undertaking this work Place2Be will keep a 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 to evaluate Place2Be's service and improve our work.

To work with children at Selwood Academy we need to have parental agreement. Therefore, unless we hear otherwise, the school and Place2Be will assume that your child has permission to access the support Place2Talk can provide.

If you would prefer that your child does not use this service, please complete the google form via the link below:-

<https://forms.gle/KmL7cK4r1Y1vXzzZ7>

Our partnership with Place2Be is part of our ongoing work to positively promote the the well being of all within the Selwood and wider community.

Yours sincerely



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**'Let your light shine before others' Matthew 5 v 16**  
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