

The Bishops C.E. V.A. School

Emotional Health and Wellbeing – Criterion 5.

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School details and context

The school is a voluntary aided Church school in Newquay with 250 pupils on roll, which includes a nursery.

How the Need was identified.

We came out of "serious weaknesses" in September 2001 after two very difficult years. We had already begun to work on staff and pupil morale and ways of ensuring that all who are involved in school felt valued. Choosing emotional health and well being was a celebration of what we had already achieved as well as a challenge to consolidate good practice and improve.

Chosen Criteria.

Emotional Health and Wellbeing.

Steps taken to meet the criteria.

- Increased role of school council in running of the school
- Peer mentoring scheme established at lunchtime.
- Notice board of help organisations for parents, also on newsletters and posted on pupils own display board.
- Increased emphasis on rewards/celebrations.
- Increased involvement of community in supporting and enhancing the curriculum.

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Who was involved in the process

Everyone! and the steering group which comprised the head teacher, PHSE Co-ordinator, governor, lunchtime supervisor, TA, parent and school council.

Outcomes/Impact on pupils and the wider community.

We asked our parents by sending out a family survey to find out what they thought. Feedback confirmed our beliefs that celebrating success and providing a friendly caring atmosphere have improved children's confidence and social skills and also communication with the wider community.