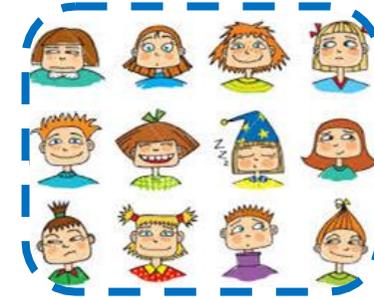


ELSA Support



As a federation we value the social and emotional development of our children. There are four trained Emotional Literacy Support Assistants (ELSAs) on the staff who are available every day to support our children and parents. This may be through our morning groups, ELSA support work or nurture groups.

The ELSA provision offers individual and small group support for children covering issues such as friendship, bereavement, self-esteem and dealing with emotions. Children in each school have access to a 'worry box' where they can leave a note for the ELSAs. These are read on a daily basis and a member of staff will speak to the children about their concerns.

What are the areas the ELSA may work on?



Recognising emotions

Self-esteem

Separation and divorce



Social skills

Friendship skills

Loss and bereavement



Nurture Groups

Each school has a nurture group which runs during the afternoons-Seagulls at the infant school and Treetops at the junior school. The nurture groups cater for children with additional social and emotional needs-this may include children who have difficulty settling into school or who find it difficult to respond to the demands of daily life in a busy classroom. The fully trained staff support the children's development and model positive relationships. They gradually help the children to remove their barriers to learning thus enabling them to learn effectively within a mainstream classroom.

Seagulls



Our Nurture Group takes place four afternoons per week and focuses on social communication and interaction skills. The children are encouraged to share, take turns, work co-operatively and to develop their independence through a range of activities.



TREETOPS NURTURE GROUP



Our Nurture Group takes place three afternoons per week and incorporates circle time and snack time. Circle time provides opportunities for the children to share their news and feelings. During snack time children are encouraged to develop their social skills with peers, adults and the various visitors that come to see us.

