

Newall Green Primary- Gold Accreditation

Manchester Healthy Schools recognises good practice and positive outcomes across our seven key health areas: PSHE, Drugs and Alcohol, RSE, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Social and Emotional Health, Healthy Lifestyles and Unintentional Injury Prevention. The Gold Schools Award is achieved by developing a holistic model of health education that is embedded across all key stages through a whole school approach.

During our visit to Newall Green on the 21st of June 2023, the atmosphere and climate around the school was extremely uplifting, the positivity tangible, and all the staff and children we came across were friendly, polite and keen to chat.

During our visit we were lucky enough to meet a wide range of staff and students. This included the PSHE Lead/ Assistant Head, Executive Headteacher and Year 3 TA/PE lead. We observed PSHE lessons, a Lego therapy session, an assembly and enjoyed a tour of the school.

We loved our time at Newall Green and are pleased to award our Gold School Award for the year 2022-23. The panel were all in agreement that the following examples of excellent practice stood out: -

- Staff go above and beyond to care for every student as an individual with a holistic approach to all 7 areas.
- Fantastic school council who have a strong understanding of their role and their responsibility to their peers (being invited to Governor and trustee meetings and being part of policy development)
- Displays around school include a variety of topics around health education and promotion in assemblies celebrating how active and engaged pupils are in promoting fitness.
- The SLT's commitment to developing the skills and interest of its staff. Staff feel well supported especially within their phase teams.
- Transition connections were strong with secondary schools, including travel to school route planned and practised with pupils. Active travel was heavily promoted, and safe routes planned, whilst also engaging with local community
- PSHE – ground rules clearly fully embedded, pupils very engaged, they could give examples of where to find further support. Exemplary use of assessment documents used in every lesson to track individual pupil progress as well as whole class overview.

We are excited to work with Newall Green Primary in the future to develop our Gold School engagement programme and consider ways we can link the school community to other schools within Manchester to boost and improve health outcomes and share initiatives.

Future actions:

To continue with the parental engagement that staff are keen to pursue and listen to the needs of their families.

Consider staff training needs within each area and let us know if any refreshers are needed.

Attend the Voicebox Primary Student Council network



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