What is the National Nurturing Schools Programme?

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Programme is a two-year journey for all schools aiming to support their pupils

Based on the six principles of nurture that have successfully underpinned nurture groups for over 40 years, this programme enables schools to develop and embed a nurturing culture that enhances stakeholder engagement.

The programme has been developed by Nurture UK, the world's leading authority for nurture in education and awarding body of the Certificate in Theory and Practice of Nurture Groups, the nationally recognised qualification for running a nurture group in schools.

The Six Principles of Nurture.

- 1. Children' learning is understood developmentally.
- 2. The classroom offers a safe base.
- 3. The importance of nurture for the development of wellbeing.
- 4. Language is a vital means of communication.
- 5. All behaviour is communication.
- 6. The importance of transition in children's lives.

We asked the children what The Six Principles of Nurture meant to them. This is what they said...

- 1. My teacher's help me with my learning.
- 2. Nurture is where you keep people safe.
- 3. My teachers help me to feel good about myself.
- 4. We are safe to talk about how we are feeling.
- 5. My actions show my feelings.
- 6. My teacher's help me to get ready for something new.

What does this mean for our pupils?

Our mission is to...

- Ensure all children receive a high quality and nurturing learning experience.
- Create, encourage and support aspiration.
- Promote respect, tolerance and empathy for others.
- Remove barriers to learning.
- Build strong foundations for the future.
- Monitor emotional and social needs to spot potential difficulties and provide help.

What does this mean for our community?

We aim to...

- Make all visitors feel welcome to our schools.
- Encourage our parents and community to support our National Nurturing Schools Programme.
- Include our parents and community in our plans.
- Keep parents updated on progress on a regular basis.

What does this mean for our staff?

- We have provision to promote staff well-being.
- Staff are able to access relevant training.
- Our policies reflect a nurturing approach.
- Staff are included in decision-making.
- Staff feel valued, respected and supported.



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