

Mental Health in Schools Team **Tips For Wellness**

Kindness

Kindness means being friendly, generous, and considerate to others. It's all about showing care and respect through our actions and our words.

Random Acts of Kindness Day is celebrated each year on February 17th, however you can practice random acts of kindness all year round!

Ideas for random acts of kindness

Here are some easy ideas to spread kindness:

- Give compliments A genuine compliment can make someone's day brighter.
- Hold the door open for someone.
- Share a smile Smiling at people can help to boost their mood.
- Send a thank you note Write a note of appreciation to someone who has helped you.
- Be a good listener Sometimes, all someone needs is someone to talk to.
- Help your teacher Offer to hand out something to the class or do something to help them.
- Ask someone how their day is going Asking someone about their day can make them feel cared for and happier.
- Pick up a piece of litter.
- Offer to help someone at home.

Why is being kind important?

Kindness is contagious! When you show kindness, it inspires others to do the same.

When you are kind to someone, it can help them to feel happy, it can brighten their day and boost their mood.

Kindness can help to make schools, homes and communities more welcoming and friendly. When people are kind, everyone feels more comfortable which can lead to better relationships and friendships.

In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the RISE Crisis Helpline available 24/7, by calling NHS 111. Alternatively, call 999 or visit A&E in an emergency, for example if medical attention is required.

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.

Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.