

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

## Positivity

"Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day." - Alice Morse Earle.

Positivity means focusing on the good things in life, even when things get tough. It's about thinking and acting in a way that makes you feel happy and hopeful. Being positive can help you feel better, solve problems, and have a more joyful life.

## Our tips for practising positivity:

- Focus on the good Look for the positive in every situation. Every day, there is always something positive.
- Use positive words Try saying things like "I can do this" or "I'll keep trying and I will get there".
- **Be kind to yourself** Don't be too hard on yourself. Try to remind yourself that you are trying your best. Celebrate any small successes!
- **Practise gratitude** Think about three things that you are thankful for each day. It could be something as simple as a sunny day or a friend saying something nice to you.
- Spend time with positive people.
- **Find something you enjoy** Whether it is a hobby, sport, quality time with friends and family, or watching your favourite TV programme, doing something you love can bring you joy.
- Try using positive affirmations Tell yourself one positive thing every day, like "I am enough" or "I am trying my best".
- **Help others** Helping someone else, even in a small way, can make you feel good about yourself too.
- **Keep a positive journal** Write down things that you are proud of or moments that made you smile.

## Positivity makes a big difference!

When you practise positivity, you start seeing the world in a brighter way. You can face challenges with confidence and believe in yourself.

Positivity is also contagious — when you're positive, you inspire others to be positive too!

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.