

## RE: Wellbeing for Education Return Training Programme<sup>1</sup>

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to you to let you know that we are now ready to deliver the above support programme for schools.

We expect that following the full return to school, children and young people may be presenting with a range of mental health and wellbeing issues. The majority will be normal reactions to their experiences over the last six months; others may have new, different or increased mental health needs or may be struggling to access the services they need.

School staff (teaching and non-teaching) will need to be able to recognise, understand and respond appropriately to these reactions and have the confidence to support their colleagues, children and young people and their parents and carers.

To help, the Department for Education has worked with the Department of Health and Social Care, Health Education England, Public Health England, NHS England and Improvement and an expert advisory group to develop “Wellbeing for Education Return” - a new, national training package for education staff. The aim is to help schools and colleges to provide wellbeing support for children and young people, preventing as many as possible from developing mental health problems and ensure those with pre-existing or emerging difficulties access the right support.

This is a free training programme for your school. The expectation is that each school will nominate a lead person to undertake the training. The lead person will then guide your Whole School Approach to embed this specialised learning in your school. The programme in Oxfordshire will be delivered by existing partners working in Education, Health and our voluntary sector.

The training will take place during October, after school hours and will consist of two 1½ hour Webinars. There will be ongoing support for the nominated member of staff until March 2021 to embed the learning. We are however looking to continue to support your school through our partner arrangements to ensure you have the support you need going forward.

**We would therefore be grateful if you could identify a school lead and email their name/contact details to [wellbeingtraining@response.org.uk](mailto:wellbeingtraining@response.org.uk) no later than Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October. We will then get in touch with training dates and arrange the training with your lead member of staff.**

Kind regards,

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