

Health & Wellbeing Beacon School

Over the years, across the city, schools and settings have worked hard to prioritise their focus on the health and wellbeing of their pupils. The Health & Wellbeing service would like to acknowledge and give recognition to these schools. Through the service's work with schools/settings we have seen the dedication and commitment schools have shown to focus on the following areas:

- Curriculum
- Practice
- Provision
- Policies
- Pupil voice and participation
- Parental engagement

All of which enhance the health and wellbeing outcomes for their pupils. During the pandemic, this focus has sharpened for many schools and there have been some innovative and dynamic approaches to supporting the health and wellbeing of the whole school community. We know that good health and wellbeing has an impact on the attendance, achievement and attainment of pupils. It also supports pupils to strengthen their resilience to cope, manage and regulate their emotions, behaviours, attitudes; helping them to make informed decisions as they grow.

The service would like to recognise schools for their work in the following 10 areas across 4 themes: PSHE, Healthy Eating, Physical Activity and SEMH

- Leadership
- Policy
- Curriculum
- Teaching & Learning
- Assessment
- Pupil Voice
- Support Services
- Professional Development
- Partnerships
- School Ethos

These themes and areas make up the Leeds Healthy Schools Framework, for which we currently have 247 (89%) schools/settings across the city engaged.

What does it cost to become a Health & Wellbeing Beacon School?

There is no charge to schools/settings. We already monitor and track the great work schools/settings are delivering and we will be getting in touch with those schools/settings to award them their Health & Wellbeing Beacon status.

Why are schools getting this recognition?

Beacon status celebrates the outcomes achieved and the differences made, giving schools the recognition for their commitment. It highlights where a school/setting has committed to the outcomes of focusing on health and wellbeing of pupils and the impact this has on their educational attainment and achievement.

Will a Health & Wellbeing Beacon school be expected to do anything? Schools are selected for Beacon status based on their existing commitment. We recognise that being a Health & Wellbeing Beacon school is a process rather than an end point, and that each school will have its own journey and process. We would like to celebrate the commitment schools/settings have made to the health and wellbeing of their pupils to improve their educational and health outcomes. We will of course work with all Health & Wellbeing Beacon schools who would like to share their journey with other schools through a case study.

If you have any questions about the Health & Wellbeing Beacon School recognition, please email schoolwellbeing@leeds.gov.uk for more information.