

Thomas Arnold Primary School in Dagenham wins award for mental wellbeing

Thomas Arnold Primary School has been recognised for the support it shows to the wellbeing of its pupils

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order to prevent mental health issues.

Thomas Arnold Primary has been named as an Ambassador School with Excellence in Leadership after going through an assessment process by Thrive, that trains teachers and education professionals to support the emotional and social development of all children.

The award recognises extraordinary schools which are making a positive impact on their pupils and the wider community by having a focus on emotional wellbeing and are leading on making this a key factor of children's learning and development.

Katie Parks, the school's Thrive lead and counsellor, said: "We felt really excited when we heard that we had been awarded Ambassador School status. Everyone has worked hard to get to this point and it's great to have what we're doing validated in this way. Thrive is something we live and breathe at the school and it's made a real difference to the children here - they are more able to recognise and manage their emotions, they are calmer and able to settle and learn."

Thrive's Ambassador Schools scheme has been launched as a way of recognising excellence in member schools. There are five areas in which school can evidence how they use the Thrive Approach to promote children's wellbeing and prevent mental health issues at a later date: environment, leadership, right-time, reparative and relationship, with a special Ambassador School of Excellence Award for schools that achieve the highest standard across all five categories.

The school had to submit an in-depth application form and was visited by Thrive staff, before the Covid-19 lockdown, to observe and assess the way that teachers and other staff implement the Thrive Approach to help build the emotional resilience of children, so that they can better manage the ups and downs of life and be more open to learning.

Mel Fisher, Thrive relationship manager - East said: "Thomas Arnold Primary School has done a fantastic job in embedding the Thrive Approach across the whole school. All staff have a good understanding of the Thrive Approach and are able to play their part in bringing it into lessons across the school day. There have been some amazing success stories as a result and the school really deserves to be recognised in this way."

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