**Recovery Curriculum**

Returning to Wivelsfield School after Covid lockdowns we implemented the Recovery curriculum as detailed below, to ensure the wellbeing of the children at Wivelsfield. Although covid is still with us we have returned to a more normal curriculum in school. We are therefore still using the Recovery curriculum at times it is needed and it remains in place for any future events.

The “recovery curriculum” acknowledges that there have been big losses to children as they have stayed at home and that these losses can contribute to pupil’s mental health with anxiety, trauma and bereavement playing a large role. Children will perhaps have experienced these aspects all at once and in a sudden and unplanned fashion which can leave children feeling vulnerable. Equally whether we have intended to or not, children will be have been exposed to adults who are anxious and may not be acting in their normal way or maintaining the normal routines which they are used to.

To help us support children with this, our wellbeing curriculum will focus on four areas:

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| **Supporting me to build positive relationships with others** |
| **What this area will help me to learn?** | **What that may look like?** |
| Supporting pupils to rebuild relationships andre learn how to interact and build relationshipswith others including sharing, turn taking,greeting and interact with others positively, play alongside and with peers, respond to my familiar and new adults, seek adults to help, support and comfort me when I need them, know which adults help me and can support me to keep safe when I need them. | There will be opportunities within the day where the focus is on rebuilding relationships with peers and adults. This may be in the form of:Independent learning to nurture parallel and joint playTurn taking games and activitiesSharing games and activitiesIntensive interaction opportunities using call and response games Time where adults can give sole attention to pupils re-building relationships ( Nurture sessions and Wellbeing chats with Mrs Shorter)Games and activities where pupils can work together such as board games or outdoor PE games.Safety work about who keeps us safe and who can keep us safe at school and at home and in the community.Safety work about how adults can help us.Activities that link to children’s interests to show we are interested in them. |

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| **Supporting me to manage my feelings and behaviour** |
| **What this area will help****me to learn?** | **What that may look like?** |
| Supporting pupils to understand theiremotions and feelings and begin to process theexperiences they have had. Supporting pupils to relearn some positivebehaviour which they may have forgotten beingoutside of the school | There will be clear routines which are supported by visuals and clear communication which may include use of visual timetables so pupils know what is happening each day and at each part of the day. Some structures and boundaries may be different in school because of social distancing and processes related to this so some tools we will use are social stories and use of visuals to guide and support.The structure will be supportive and provide opportunities within this that enables and allows pupils to express themselves and express the experiences they have had whilst they were not at school. We will do this by being clear with boundaries and using a positive approach to all children. Supporting pupils to engage with self-regulation strategies and tools which help me to feel safe and calm ( Breathe videos)Supporting pupils to understand the world we live in with tools and strategies to help them process what is different and what we can do to help to supporting behaviour and emotions. We will support pupils in communicating with us such as building in regular circle time, tools like sunshine circles and use of comic strip conversations.There will be regular sessions where we explore and express emotion.Regular Circle time ( x2/3 a week) which will support pupils to explore their feelings as well as modelling processing and talking about feelings and emotions linked to this experience.There will be regular opportunities for pupils to engage in self - regulation activities such as with sensory breaks, active breaks, and use of resources which support individuals. In addition there will be lots of opportunities for pupils to practise their communication so that they are able to feel like they have a voice and are able to express their wants and needs for example a class jigsaw to highlight lockdown experiences. |

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| **Supporting me to enjoy and achieve** |
| **What this area will help me****to learn?** | **What that may look like?** |
| Supporting pupils to have moments here they feel success and can engage in moments of enjoyment and achievement which may feelusual to being in school. This will be within pupil’s abilities and easily accessible recognising that when pupils have experienced trauma, their abilities to learn newconcepts and be challenged is less. Pupils often use schemas of learning whichthey are familiar to explore when processing events in their lives and planned provision will focus on what is familiar. I.e. play provisionthat enables schematic exploration, familiarstructures in the day like relaxationtime, independent learning, hello and circle time.. | We will use familiar curriculum type sessions that pupils will be used to that provide children with experiences that feel like “the norm”. We will be providing enjoyable activities which provide children with “fun” so that they can rejuvenate with positive endorphins and want to engage.Sessions which will feel familiar will be different for each learning hub and class group but ideas will be:Hello timesCurriculum sessions that provide familiar structures (like phonics,maths, guided reading)Independent learning where provision takes account of schematic learning.Learning on whiteboard where these are familiarOutdoor playStorytimeLearning in these sessions will link to previous and current topic learning or children’s key interests and motivators. Children willhave missed out on many opportunities being at home that they are naturally exposed to at school like peer play, active opportunities and experiences which develop their cognition and learning and these will be built into each day to support children to have a broad range of opportunity, experience and fun. |

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| **Supporting my physical health and wellbeing** |
| **What this area will help me to learn?** | **What that may look like?** |
| Supporting pupils to re-engage with physical health and wellbeing routines as well as learn new routines which will support pupils to keep safe and enable infection control. This will include hand washing, social distancing, understanding of new school routines as well as supporting pupils with their personal care and tolerating differences in these routinesSupporting pupils to be independent through their own dressing and undressing where needed ( KS1) and supporting pupils to be physically well through active sessions, use of outdoor space and understanding about keeping physically well. | We will be planning in lots of time where children are able to explore and reinvestigate their environments to become familiar with what might be different (i.e. one way systems in school, different markings in school, different access to resources in the classroom) and understanding these differences will be supported with social stories, photos and pictures.Learning in supporting my physical health and wellbeing will focus on managing and coping within new processes keeping safe. This will include:Understanding what is different about school and how to navigate this environmentHand washing and hygiene measuresAdapting to using areas of the school that may not be usual and being in environment and with staff that are not usual.Keeping and maintaining social distancingCatch it, kill it, bin it messagesHealth and hygiene sessions focussing on washing, being independent and looking after yourself. |

This recovery curriculum will be in place supporting learning of all our pupils on return to Wivelsfield. As a school team, our priorities are in supporting children with these four themes, whilst enabling children to make the academic progress they have the potential to achieve alongside the health and safety of our community.