

Monday 31st October

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you of **The Baird Primary Academy's** work with Place2Be, a national charity supporting schools to improve the confidence and wellbeing of children and young people.

Place2Be provides emotional and therapeutic support to pupils, families and staff in more than 250 schools nationwide. It gives pupils a space to express themselves through talking and creative work, and think about any worries they might have. Place2Be also provides support for parents and staff too.

Place2Talk

One of the most popular aspects of this service is called 'Place2Talk'. It is open to all pupils, and they can make an appointment to spend 15 minutes with a trained counsellor, either by themselves or with a friend. On average, about a third of pupils in Place2Be's schools take advantage of this service every year. Pupils often talk about friendships or any worries they may have.

Parental consent

Unless we hear otherwise from you, the school and Place2Be will assume that all pupils have their parent/carers' permission to come to Place2Talk. We also assume you are happy for the school to tell Place2Be your child's name, date of birth, year group, gender and ethnicity. This information is stored securely and used solely to evaluate Place2Be's service.

If you would like to find out more, please contact **Angelica McMillan** (Place2Be School Project Manager) on **01424 425670** who will be very happy to answer any questions. Alternatively, if you **do not** want your child to participate in Place2Talk, you may complete and return the slip below by 15th November 2016.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Hodgkin, Head of Pastoral Support or Angelica on the number above.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Welch
Principal

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I **do not** want my child to participate in Place2Talk.

Name of child/young person..... Class

Name of parent/carer

Signature Date