

The Challenge: Within the TSA, the numbers of disadvantaged pupils varies considerably from school to school. Because of this, there is often a lack of understanding and poorer attitudes to the needs of disadvantaged pupils, and the wellbeing barriers they face. Our groups therefore chose to pursue strategies for improvement of the identification and monitoring of the wellbeing needs of pupils.

What we did: Each school engaged in the project chose to focus on a target group of pupils, and their particular wellbeing needs. For example:

- Developing identification systems and trackers for wellbeing
- One page profiles
- Mentoring systems
- Raised profile of the importance of wellbeing with parents, pupils and staff

### What difference did it make?

- Improved staff awareness of the impact good wellbeing can have on accelerating progress
- Increased engagement of parents in discussing and improving wellbeing outcomes for pupils
- Increased self-esteem, aspiration and confidence of target pupils
- Some improvement in attendance
- Early indications of improved progress data for some pupils
- Higher profile of the needs of disadvantaged pupils with governors

### You could try:

- Creating a tool to track the wellbeing needs of all pupils as part of routine termly pupils progress meetings;
- Using key workers and/or pupil mentors to link with each vulnerable pupil;
- Professional development opportunities to understand the impact wellbeing can have on data outcomes

### Key principles/research to support this approach:

Sutton Trust/EEF Research

- Behaviour Interventions + 3 months
- Mentoring + 1 month
- Parental Involvement + 3 months
- Social & Emotional Learning + 4 months

Scope to have a greater impact by improving the quality of mentoring to address meta-cognition and self-regulation, by focused CPD for mentors in the future.

### For more information:

For advice on Wellbeing Tracking: **Brocks Hill Primary School, Oadby.**

For advice on Adult Mentoring: **Glenfield Primary**

For advice on Pupil Mentoring: **Manor High School, Oadby**

For advice on One Page Profiles: **Houghton on the Hill Primary School**