Mental Health is...



'Mental health is defined as a state of well-being in which every individual realizes his or her own potential, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to her or his community'



Behaviour



'A person's condition with regard to their psychological and emotional well-being.'







We all have mental health, even children!

Looking after our mental health is just as important as our physical health

It is normal to experience lots of different emotions. We always have mental health.







Signs of Declining Mental Wellbeing

Disruptive behaviour	Excessive concern over appearance
Self-neglect	Becoming unorganised
Increase or decrease in appetite	Avoiding school
Unable to get words out	Sudden decrease in school performance
Sudden bursts of extreme emotion	Self-harming
Insomnia/tiredness	Lack of enthusiasm
Restlessness	Creating conflicts
Withdrawal	Self-deprecation



Let them ask questions

Engrain it into everyday life!

Talk their language – big & little feelings

Use your own experience

Be an example/show — examples

Ask open questions

Supporting children and young people's mental health

Show you are happy to listen & create a safe space for them Remind them it's okay not to be okay sometimes

Validate their feelings & thank them for telling you



Peer Mentor Service

- Students who can offer a listening ear to their peers
- Mental Health Ambassadors promoting mental health across the school through displays/assemblies/fundraisers

Bucks Mind deliver a whole day of training with the mentors, covering:

- Mental health awareness
- Stigma and mental health
- Mental illness
- Looking after your own mental health/wellbeing as well as supporting others
- Communication/listening skills
- Confidentiality & safeguarding





Adults

CHAMPION the **CHANGE**

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE





Buckinghamshire Healthcare **NHS Trust**









SAMARITANS







AYLESBURY VALE LGBT SOCIAL GROUP



Counselling Directory





















Educational Resources





























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Video links

Brene Brown Empathy -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Evwgu369Jw

5 Ways to Wellbeing -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MfM0Tj-9Als

What is Mental Health? -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2hVAPFyukvY