



10th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to let you know about Tynecastle High School'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 to think about any worries they might have. Place2Be also provides support for parents and staff too. You can find out more about Place2Be and its work at www.place2be.org.uk.

Place2Talk

One of the most popular aspects of Place2Be's service is called 'Place2Talk'. It's open to all pupils, and they can make an appointment to spend 15-30 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.

Place2Be will record your child's name, date of birth, year group, gender, ethnicity, the broad topic of discussion and any actions taken as a result of the session. This information is stored securely. It is used in key coded form to evaluate Place2Be's service and improve our work. Please see the separate sheet, at the end of this letter, for more information on this.

Parental Agreement for Accessing Place2Talk

Unless we hear otherwise from you, the school and Place2Be will assume that your child has parent/carers' permission to come to Place2Talk. **You only need to return the slip below if you *do not* want your child to access the service.** If you would like to find out more about Place2Talk, or would prefer that your child does not use this service, please contact us at school on 0131 337 3488 or admin@tynecastle.edin.sch.uk and ask to be put in contact with the Place2Be School Project Manager, who will be happy to answer any questions.

Jacqueline Ramsay
Depute Headteacher

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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