



7th September 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you about Place2Be in Ark Helenswood Academy. Founded in 1994 Place2Be is an innovative, growing charity that supports children's emotional development by offering them a space where they can express their feelings through talking, creative work and play. Place2Be delivers a range of services directly to children, parents and staff in schools and is working in partnership with Ark Helenswood. A leaflet is enclosed to tell you more about Place2Be and the work they do.

To hear more about Place2be and meet the Project Manager please come to a presentation and Q & A on **Monday 14th September at 2.30pm – 3.15 pm in the Ark Helenswood Training Suite** - coffee and cake provided! Please report to Lower School Reception and you will be guided from there.

One aspect of the service is Place2Talk - a lunchtime drop-in service which is open to all children/students every Monday, Thursday and Friday. Here, children/students can make an appointment to spend 15 minutes with a trained counsellor to talk about friendships, concerns or any worries they may have. This is a very popular service and children/students can attend by themselves or with friends.

Parental consent

Unless we hear otherwise from you, the school and Place2Be assumes that all students have their parent/carers' permission to come to Place2Talk at lunchtime. If you **do not** want your child to participate in Place2Talk, or would like to find out more about the service, please contact Miranda Sharp (Place2Be School Project Manager) on 01424 757985 to discuss the matter further. Alternatively, you may complete and return the slip below by **18th September 2015**.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Monk
Principal

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

Student name: Tutor Group:

Parent/carer's name:

Signature:

Date:



PRINCIPAL: Lucy Monk
REGIONAL DIRECTOR: Mark Phillips