

Debbíe Hutchinson If pupils are given the adequate tools and techniques though practicing mindfulness and breathing techniques, can they begin to regulate their own emotions when they become anxious?

CONTEXT

- To work with a range of classes across both the Linwood and Springwood Campus delivering a block of three/four sessions of mindfulness.
- > I wanted to give children the necessary tools to self regulate their emotions in order to improve their mental well being and to enable them to reach their full academic potential

PLAN

- > Send email to teaching staff in Springwood and Linwood inviting teachers to give their class the opportunity to partake in a series of mindfulness sessions.
- To encourage staff to sit in all sessions with the future plan of continuing delivering mindfulness lessons once the block of sessions had come to an end.

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- > Plan and deliver a series of mindfulness sessions according to the needs, age and ability of each class.
- > Invite feedback from the children how they feel after each session.
- Discuss when they could put techniques they have learnt into practice as to self regulate and manage their own emotions more appropriately.

REVIEW

- > Feedback from the children, teachers and support staff was very positive
- > Teachers felt confident to continue the sessions themselves.
- Children seemed happier and more equipped to manage their own emotions in stressful situations,

What the children said following sessions of mindfulness

I feel much calmer and refreshed. I now do this at home when my brother annoys me.



I often get quite stressed both at home and at school. I really enjoyed having this quiet time to give my brain a rest. I feel I can now think better and can get on with my work much easier.



Lots of things make me angry, but after a session a mindfulness I feel much more relaxed and refreshed and things don't seem so bad after all.

