

Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted to share that Hartshill Academy are working towards achieving the Nurturing Schools Programme Award, a nationally recognised accreditation that celebrates schools placing nurture and wellbeing at the heart of their ethos. This programme has given us an exciting opportunity to reflect, grow, and celebrate the excellent work already happening across our school.

As part of our ongoing commitment to embed the Nurture approach in our school, we will be working closely with parents/carers and pupils to offer an insight into the key principles of the approach and how we are implementing them in school. Over the coming weeks, we will send out Nurture Newsletters, these will include further information on each of the principles, and how they look in school.

What Are the Six Principles of Nurture?

The award is based on six key principles that guide how we support pupils, not just academically but socially and emotionally:

- The classroom offers a **safe** base
- The importance of nurture for the development of **wellbeing** and self-esteem
- **Language** is a vital means of communication
- The importance of **transitions** in children's lives
- Children's **learning** is understood developmentally
- All **behaviour** is communication

How This Helps Pupils and Families

By using nurturing approaches, we create a school environment where pupils feel understood, valued, and supported. This helps them develop the confidence, resilience, and social skills they need to thrive both in and out of the classroom.

For parents and carers, it means being part of a school community that listens, works in partnership, and understands that every pupil's journey is unique.

What Staff Are Doing

All staff at Hartshill Academy are actively involved in promoting the nurture principles across the whole school. This includes:

- Creating welcoming and inclusive classroom environments
- Using positive relationships to build trust and emotional safety
- Supporting emotional literacy through conversation and modelling

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- Providing extra nurture support where needed
- Reflecting regularly on how best to meet pupils' emotional and learning needs

We are incredibly proud of the progress we've made so far and look forward to sharing our journey with you over the coming months. As we work towards achieving the Nurturing Schools Award, we will continue to celebrate the small steps and big successes that make Hartshill a nurturing place to learn and grow.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind Regards

Mrs Chelsea Forsyth

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