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Dear families,

I am writing to let you know about **Goldfinch’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.

Place2Talk is one of the most popular aspects of the Place2Be service. It’s open to all pupils from Year 2 upwards. They can make an appointment to spend 15 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 information sheet on the Goldfinch website for more information on this.

Place2Talk will be especially helpful for children this year so that they have a place to process their recent experiences in the Covid pandemic. The school will run Place2Talk in the safest way possible to reduce any risk around Covid.

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. **Only fill out the form below if you DO NOT want your child to come to Place2Talk.**

If you would like to find out more, or would prefer that your child does not use this service, please contact Catriona Ross (Place2Be School Project Manager) on 0208 773 7451 who will be very happy to answer any questions.



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Mrs Emilie Haston, Head Teacher

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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

