## The Character Curriculum



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Y6: Stress	Learning objective:	Key vocabulary:	
L3 – Supporting others	<ul> <li>Reason and apply the virtues needed to cope with stress.</li> </ul>	Stress, anxiety, worry, consequences,	
with stress		strategies, conflict	
		Key virtues:	
		Compassion, resilience, courage	
Resources:	Statutory links:		
	Health Education (2020)		
PowerPoint	Pupils should know:  That mental wellbeing is a normal part of daily life, in the same way as physical health.  That there is a normal range of emotions (e.g. happiness, sadness, anger, fear, surprise, nervousness) and scale of emotions that all humans experience in relation to different experiences and situations.  How to recognise and talk about their emotions, including having a varied vocabulary of words to use when talking about their own and others' feelings.  How to judge whether what they are feeling and how they are behaving is appropriate and proportionate.  The benefits of physical exercise, time outdoors, community participation, voluntary and service-based activity on mental wellbeing and happiness.		
	<ul> <li>Simple self-care techniques, including the importance of rest, time spent with friends and family and the hobbies and interests.</li> </ul>		
	- Where and how to seek support (including recognising the triggers for seeking support), including whom in school they should speak to if they are worried about their own or someone else's mental wellbeing or ability to control their emotions (including issues arising online).		
	<ul> <li>It is common for people to experience mental ill health. For many peright support is made available, especially if accessed early enough</li> </ul>		



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Flourishing for Life



**Key questions:** 

What has helped Ariana Grande when she has experienced anxiety?

What virtues has Ariana Grande shown by sharing her story?

What are the long-term and short-term consequences of avoiding what is worrying you and facing what is worrying you?

What is the conflict in the moral dilemma?

What is a 'wise' solution?

Is there more than one?

What virtues are needed?

Learning activities:

Starter: Celebrities speak out

Show the picture of Ariana Grande. What do children know about her?

She has spoken publicly about her battle with stress and anxiety. You can watch the video here: https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/46063045 [accessed 29.05.2020].

What has helped her? What virtues has she shown by sharing her story?

There any many other celebrities who have spoken about mental health – do the children know any more? (Prince William and Prince Harry, Selena Gomez, Ellie Goulding, Freddie Flintoff).

**Activity 1:** Face or flee the fear?

When we are feeling stressed and anxious, we can often choose either to face the fear or avoid the fear.

What are the short-term and long-term consequences of both of these decisions?

Activity 2: Moral dilemma

Look at the moral dilemma together.

- What is the problem in this dilemma?
- How would you feel?
- Are there any virtues in conflict in this dilemma?
- What do you think a wise solution is? Is there more than one?

Plenary: Be kind

Find someone who you think might be stressed or having a difficult time. Do something kind for them. It might be making them a drink, writing them a note or card or just taking the time to listen to them talk about how they are feeling.

