



28th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting every child's emotional wellbeing and development, we are pleased to share that we are in the initial stages of introducing *Thrive Online* across our school. This forms part of a long-term strategic plan to further strengthen the support we offer all pupils.

What is Thrive?

Thrive is an approach that supports children's social and emotional development. It helps staff identify the underlying needs that may be affecting a child's behaviour, learning or relationships. Using this approach, we can provide tailored activities and strategies that help children feel secure, supported and ready to learn.

What is Thrive-Online?

Thrive-Online is a secure digital tool that enables teachers and teaching assistants to complete structured assessments and track children's progress over time. It provides a clear picture of how we can best support each child's emotional development in school.

Initial Assessments:

Over the coming weeks, our teachers and teaching assistants will be carrying out short assessments for every child. These are *not* tests and are not completed by the children themselves. Instead, staff draw on their daily observations and interactions to identify each child's strengths and areas for development within the Thrive framework.

As we are currently in the early implementation stage, the findings from these assessments will help us plan the next steps in our whole-school approach. We expect to begin introducing whole-class short activities, as well as targeted small group and 1:1 Thrive interventions later on in the Spring Term.

For the majority of children, whole-class activities will help address common developmental needs.

For a small number of pupils, who may benefit from more individualised support, interventions will be delivered either by our Thrive Lead Practitioner, Mrs Kavanagh, or by a teaching assistant.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt *thank you* to our parent volunteers for creating such a warm, child-friendly space in which our children can be supported. Your time, care and creativity are truly appreciated. It has come on such a long way since September!



All information gathered will be used within school to guide classroom practice and support. It will not be shared outside of school without your consent.

At various points throughout the year, we will update you with more information.

If you do not wish your child to be included in the initial Thrive assessments, please complete and return the slip below by **Wednesday 10th December**.

Opt-Out Slip – Thrive Online Assessment

I confirm that I do not wish my child _____
in class _____
to take part in the initial Thrive Online assessment or any future Thrive Online assessments.

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

If you have any questions about Thrive or would like to learn more about how we are developing this approach, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Lees