

Wakefield Schools Health & Wellbeing Charter 2021

Healthy Wakefield Charter Mark Schools

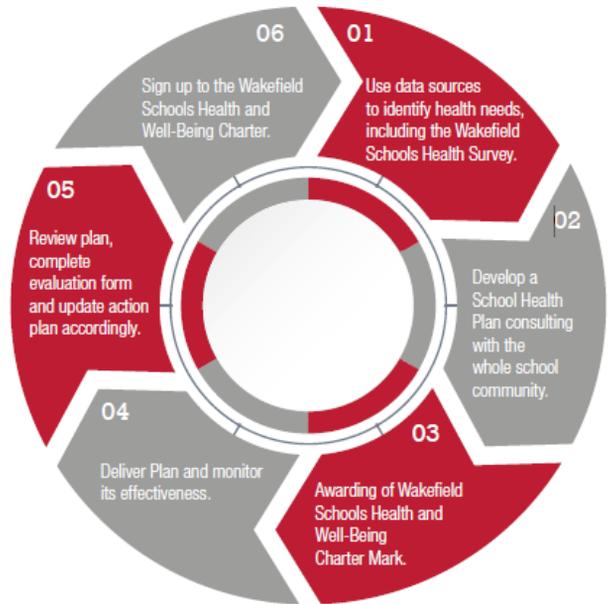
The Wakefield Schools Health and Well-Being Charter is the Local Authority's management/awarding mechanism designed to provide a structure to enable improvements to health and wellbeing within educational establishments

What is it?

The Charter adopts a unique approach to health improvement within schools by working with schools to develop their action plan based upon their communities needs and not based on a set of criteria determined by the Local Authority. This enables schools to 'own' their health improvement rather than following a rigid auditing process against a set of criteria.

The Charter is also designed to encourage schools to develop a long-term approach to improved health and well-being outcomes by awarding the Charter Mark early on in the process (once an action plan has developed). To maintain their Charter Mark the school needs to adopt a yearly planning approach of action planning and evaluation. Therefore, ensuring health and well-being outcomes become embedded as part of the school improvement cycle.

SIX STEPS to creating a healthier school



How are we doing?

Within a year of launching we have seen incredible growth in schools adopting the Charter as a method of managing health improvement in their setting

77

Schools involved in the Charter



52

Schools registered



32

Schools awarded Charter Mark Status



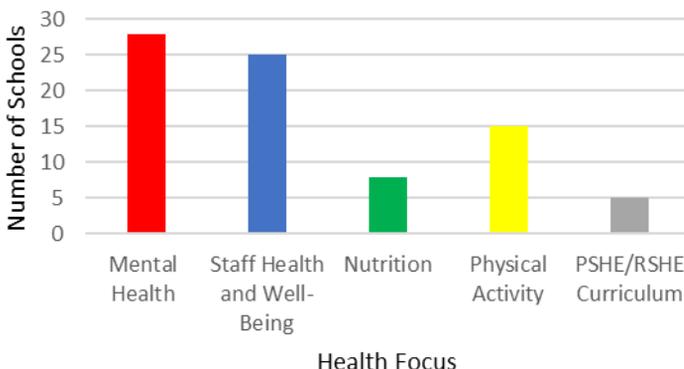
"The Charter Mark is an excellent method of prioritising health and wellbeing within our academy. The process is simple and allows an individualised approach in each school with support provided to enable us to achieve our targets."

Outwood Grange Hemsworth Academy

"The health and well being charter has really focused our work within school allowing us to improve the mental health of our pupils and staff. The impact this has had is palpable within school creating a renewed ethos and positive atmosphere."

Ryhill JI & Nursery School

Areas of health focus for Charter Mark schools



Conclusions & Reflections

- The Charter has been very enthusiastically adopted by schools.
- Mental health and well-being featured on most schools action plans.
- Will monitor the long term impact of the Charter as time progresses.
- Will use the Schools Health Survey data to support the development of schools action plans going forward
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the Charter on long term health improvement

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