# EXPRESS YOURSELF

#ChildrensMentalHealthWeek



www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk

## HELP US SPREAD THE WORD: SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDE

Children's Mental Health Week is run by children's mental health charity **Place2Be** to focus on the importance of looking after our emotional wellbeing from an early age. This year's theme is '**EXPRESS YOURSELF**'.

**EXPRESSING YOURSELF** is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity. This could be through art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and film, and doing activities that make you feel good.

For Children's Mental Health Week 2021 we will be encouraging children (and adults) to explore the different ways we can **EXPRESS OURSELVES**, and the creative ways that we can share our feelings, our thoughts and our ideas.

We'd love your support to help us spread the word and raise awareness of the importance of children's mental health. We've created assets, example tweets and posts, to make it as easy as possible for you to shout about the week. Feel free to adapt the content according to your needs, or develop your own.

### KEY INFORMATION

Please help spread the news about Children's Mental Health Week on social media by tagging Place2Be in all of your tweets and use **#ChildrensMentalHealthWeek**.









#### SUGGESTED TWEETS: NOVEMBER 2020 TO I FEBRUARY 2021

'Save the date', 'proud to support' and 'spread the word' graphics available in this Dropbox folder.

- I. We're proud to be supporting @Place2Be's #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek (1-7 February). Join us and help to shine a light on the importance of children and young people's #mentalhealth. Find out more and download your free resources today: childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk
- 2. 1 in 6 children and young people have a diagnosable #mentalhealth condition. In February, we're supporting @Place2Be's #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek raising awareness of the importance of children and young people's mental health. Learn more: childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk



### COUNTDOWN TWEETS

Countdown graphics available here on Dropbox.



#### 18 JANUARY 2021 - 2 WEEKS TO GO

There's just 2 weeks until #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek, and it's not too late to get involved! Download @Place2Be's free resources for schools, fundraising guides, and top tips for parents, children and young people on how to 'Express Yourself': childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk



## 25 JANUARY 2021 - I WEEK TO GO

Who's ready for #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek? Join @Place2Be, schools, organisations and communities across the UK as we raise awareness of the importance of children and young people's #mentalhealth. Learn more: childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk

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#### SOCIAL MEDIA DURING THE WEEK

During the week (1-7 February), we'd love your support to spread the word. You could print off one of our pledge cards and take a selfie with it, take a photo of yourself 'expressing yourself', use one of our ready made graphics, or add our frame to your Facebook profile picture. We'll be adding new graphics to Dropbox at the end of January.

- I. No child or young person should have to face mental health problems on their own. We're proud to be supporting @Place2Be's #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek. Find out more: childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk
- 2. 50% of those with lifetime mental health problems first experience symptoms by the age of 14. This #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek, @Place2Be is shining a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health. Learn more at childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk
- 3. It's #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek: what are you doing to mark the week? It's not too late to get involved! Visit childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk to find out more, and help @Place2Be to raise awareness of the importance of children and young people's #mentalhealth.
- 4. Last year, @Place2Be worked with 700 schools, reaching over 380,000 children and young people. This #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek help them to reach and support more young people with their #mentalhealth. Just £7 could help a child access their support. donate.place2be.org.uk

## DRESS TO EXPRESS

This Children's Mental Health Week, we're asking people to **DRESS TO EXPRESS** and help raise vital funds to help us support more children and young people with their mental health. We'd love your support to spread the word about **DRESS TO EXPRESS** Social media graphics are available here on Dropbox.

- I. This #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek (1-7 Feb), 'Dress to Express' and help raise vital funds for children's mental health. The idea is simple wear a colourful outfit to express yourself during the week, and donate £2 to @Place2Be. Learn more: childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/fundraisingkit
- 2. Organising a virtual 'Dress To Express' Day in your school or workplace is a great way to support @Place2Be this #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek. Learn more: childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/fundraisingkit
- 3. This #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek, we're hosting a virtual 'Dress to Express' Day to help raise vital funds for children's mental health charity @Place2Be. Find out how you can get involved at childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/fundraisingkit









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## FAQS

#### What is Children's Mental Health Week?

Place2Be is the UK's leading provider of schools based mental health support. We launched the first Children's Mental Health Week in 2015 to shine a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health. Now in its sixth year, we hope to encourage more people than ever to get involved and spread the word. You can find out more about the week, and Place2Be, on the Children's Mental Health Week website.

#### Can my school or organisation still take part during lockdown?

Yes - definitely. All of our free school resources can be adapted for use in school, for home-schooling, online lessons or independent learning. Our fundraising kit also includes ideas on how to run a virtual / online fundraising event.

#### Can I create my own graphics and posts to promote the week?

Yes! In this Dropbox folder you can download the Children's Mental Health Week and Place2Be logos to use in your designs. Just remember to tag us in your posts and use #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek so we can share and retweet.

#### Can I fundraise for you? What is DRESS TO EXPRESS?

**DRESS TO EXPRESS** is our fundraising campaign. The idea is simple – use colour to express yourself during Children's Mental Health Week by wearing a colourful outfit and donating £2 to Place2Be. You can learn more about the campaign, and get your school, organisation or family involved, on the Children's Mental Health Week website.

Let us know your fundraising plans, and let us support you with your fundraising, by getting in touch with us on friends@place2be.org.uk.

### I can't access the Dropbox folders, can you help?

If you have any issues accessing the graphics or logos, please email us on press@place2be.org.uk.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Whether you're raising money, giving up your time, or giving your voice to help us raise awareness during Children's Mental Health Week - thank you. We couldn't do our vital work without your support.

If you have any other questions or would like to let us know what you have planned, please email:

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