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Dear Parents/ Carers,

At Shacklewell this year, we are committed to developing and improving support for our students' emotional and mental wellbeing and are, therefore, excited to join the **Wellbeing and Mental Health in School (WAMHS) initiative**.

This project has been set up by the CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) Alliance in City and Hackney in partnership with schools. This great initiative will increase early help and access to high quality mental health support for children and young people in our community.

As part of WAMHS, partners from Hackney Learning Trust, experienced in areas of school improvement, will work with us here at Shacklewell to develop whole-school systems, structures and resources that support student wellbeing and positive mental health.

Alongside this, a regular WAMHS worker has also been allocated to Shacklewell to develop a closer working relationship with Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services. Our WAMHS worker will work with us to think about our students' needs in school and what would support them better.

For further information on WAMHS and how they will securely store information, please see the attached leaflet. This information is also available on the school website.

If you are happy for your child to be included in this whole school initiative, you do not need to do anything further. No child at Shacklewell will work with a CAMHS worker individually without your explicit consent.

If you are unsure about whether or not you would like your child to be included in any activities that form part of the WAMHS initiative and would like to discuss this further, please contact me through the school office and I will be happy to meet with you.

We will be holding a coffee morning on Wednesday 10th October at 9.00am about the project. Our CAMHS worker and I will speak about the plans for the year and the initiatives we will be implementing. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions about the project.

As a school we are incredible excited about this partnership with WAMHS because we know it will enhance our whole community,

Yours sincerely,

Rory McGrath

Interim Headteacher