





## We all have mental health

## **Assembly Plan**

Age group: Key Stage 3

Timing: 20 minutes

**Note:** There are several points in the assembly when it would be helpful to hear thoughts from the audience. We have added a slide after some of these points outlining appropriate answers should this be helpful in your setting.

## Resources:

- Projector, screen and sound
- We all have mental health animation (open and ready to play)
- Assembly PowerPoint (open and ready)
- If you wish to use the signposting slides at the end of the presentation, you will need to fill these in pre-lesson (slides 21-22).

Slide no.	Teacher presentation/discussion points
1	<ul> <li>Today we are going to talk about mental health. What do we mean by 'mental health'?</li> <li>Gather ideas from the audience.</li> </ul>
2	Share definition - Mental health is about our feelings, our thinking, our emotions and our moods. Looking after our mental health is just as important as looking after our physical health.
3-7	<ul> <li>We are going to have a go at some true/false statements.</li> <li>Ask for hands up to vote true/false for each. The answer will appear when you click.</li> </ul>
8	• Let's watch this short animation about two pupils – Sasha and André. They are experiencing different issues with their mental health. See if you can spot the differences between what they are experiencing and how they cope with them.

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9-12	<ul> <li>Let's start with Sasha, what was happening for her?</li> <li>Gather ideas from the audience. Slide 9 outlines some ideas if needed.</li> <li>And what was going on for André?</li> <li>Gather ideas from the audience. Slide 12 outlines some ideas if needed.</li> <li>Draw out key themes of the animation including: <ul> <li>What are the differences between everyday feelings and overwhelming feelings?</li> <li>What are some self-care strategies we can use to deal with everyday feelings? What does Sasha do? Does it work?</li> <li>How are the feelings that André is experiencing different? What does André do to manage these feelings?</li> <li>What advice does André get from Sasha and his Head of Year?</li> <li>What are some other things André could do?</li> <li>What can you do if you are worried about a friend?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
13	<ul> <li>Sasha and André were experiencing different types of feelings in the animation.</li> <li>What were the differences between them?</li> </ul>
14	Recap the definitions of everyday and overwhelming feelings
15	<ul> <li>Click through the slide which shows were Sasha and André fit on a Venn diagram of everyday and overwhelming feelings.</li> </ul>
16	There are lots of ways that we can look after our mental health.
17- 18	<ul> <li>How did Sasha and André look after their mental health?</li> <li>Gather ideas from the audience. Slide 18 outlines some ideas if needed.</li> </ul>
19	<ul> <li>Here are some of the things that can help us to manage our own mental health.</li> <li>What are some of the things that help you?</li> <li>Gather ideas from the audience.</li> </ul>
20	Sometimes it can help to get support with our mental health.
21	<ul> <li>In our school, you can talk to[fill this section in with support options in your school].</li> </ul>
22	<ul> <li>Outside of school, these options are available [add support options that are available in your local area to the bottom of the list].</li> </ul>
23	Remember we all have mental health.