

Wherever you are, be all there.

An introduction to Mindfulness

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Aims

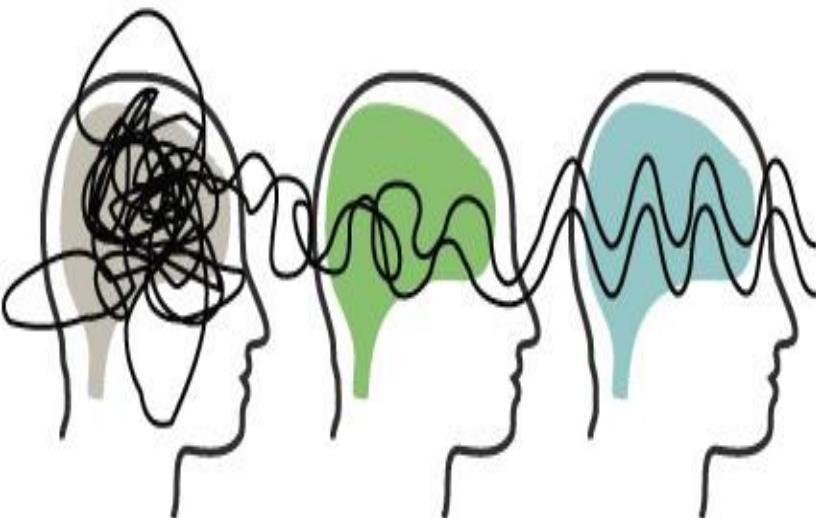
An opportunity to take time to pause and to hear an introduction to what Mindfulness is, how it promotes wellbeing and how it can be applied in the classroom and the staffroom.

Know your mind

THE
MIND
IS LIKE
A PARACHUTE
IT WORKS
BEST WHEN
IT'S OPEN

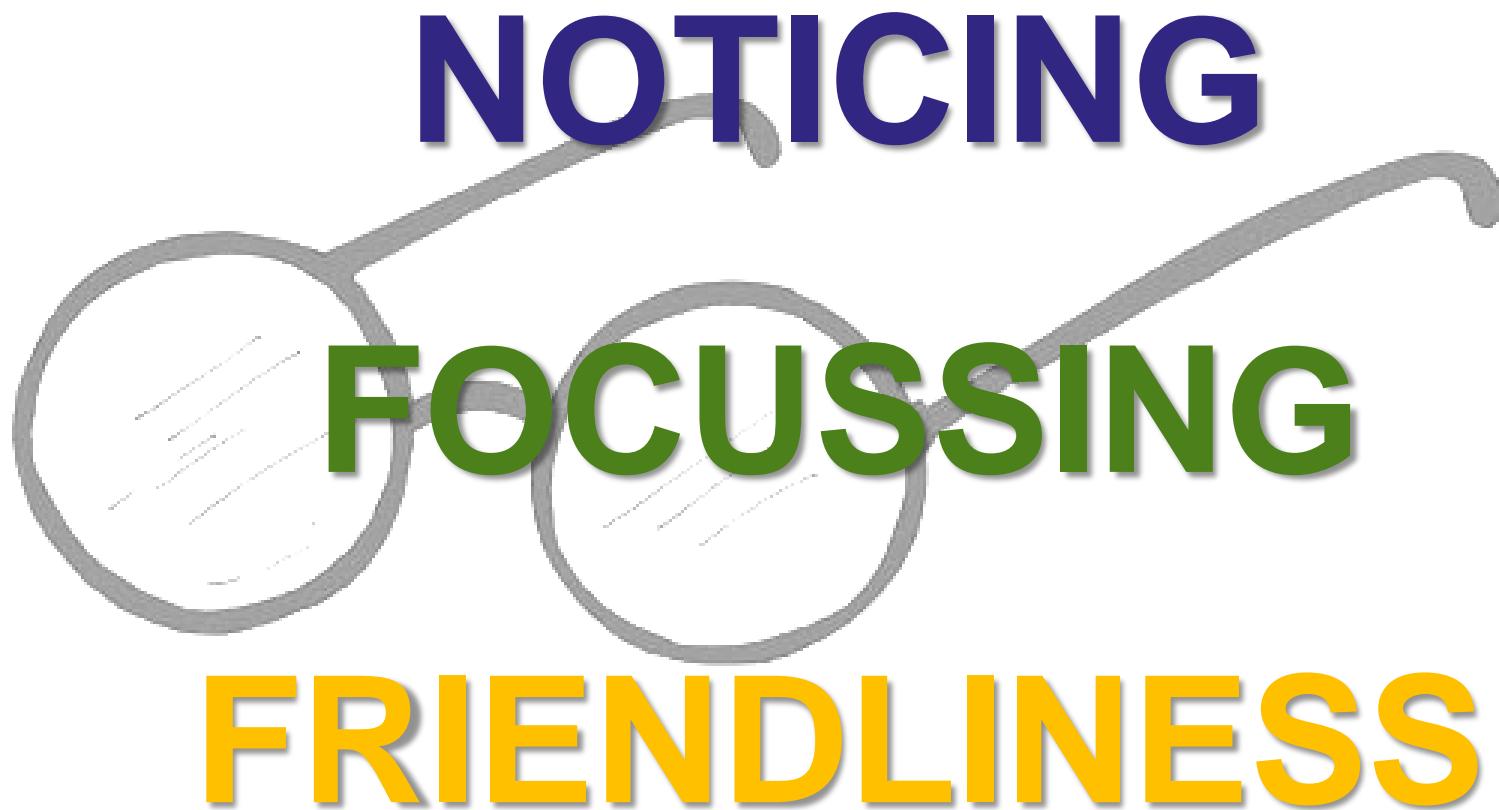


What do we mean by Mindfulness?



BEING AWARE of
and **EXPERIENCING**
our **LIVES**
as **WE LIVE THEM**
with **INTEREST**
and **FRIENDLINESS**

How do we develop Mindfulness?



Checking in



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w5MqvtiHpOw&list=PLakSKwdbNV2nt1X-A2ynta3O3umt98ccS&index=13>

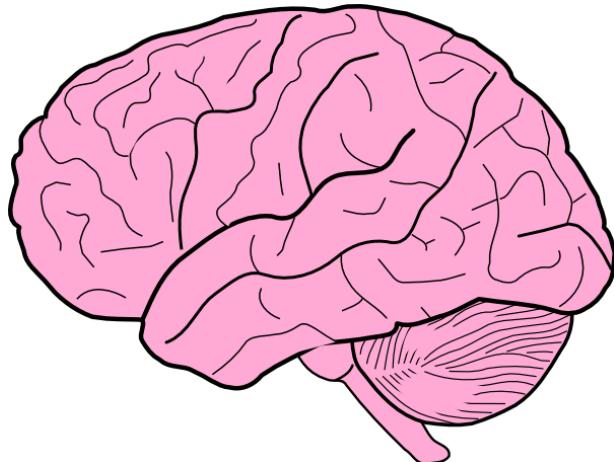
Home base

**Three
Mindful
Breaths**

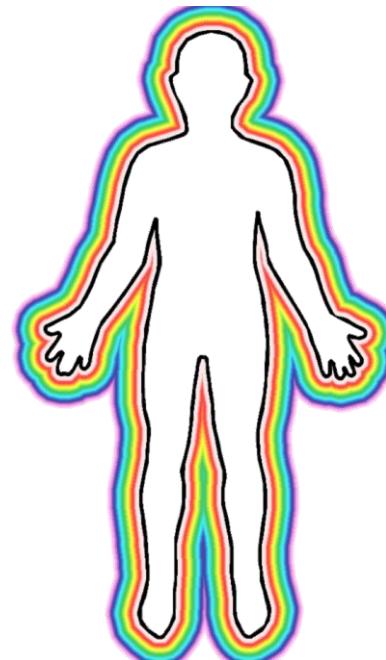
Why practice Mindfulness?



Getting to know your mind



Brain



Body



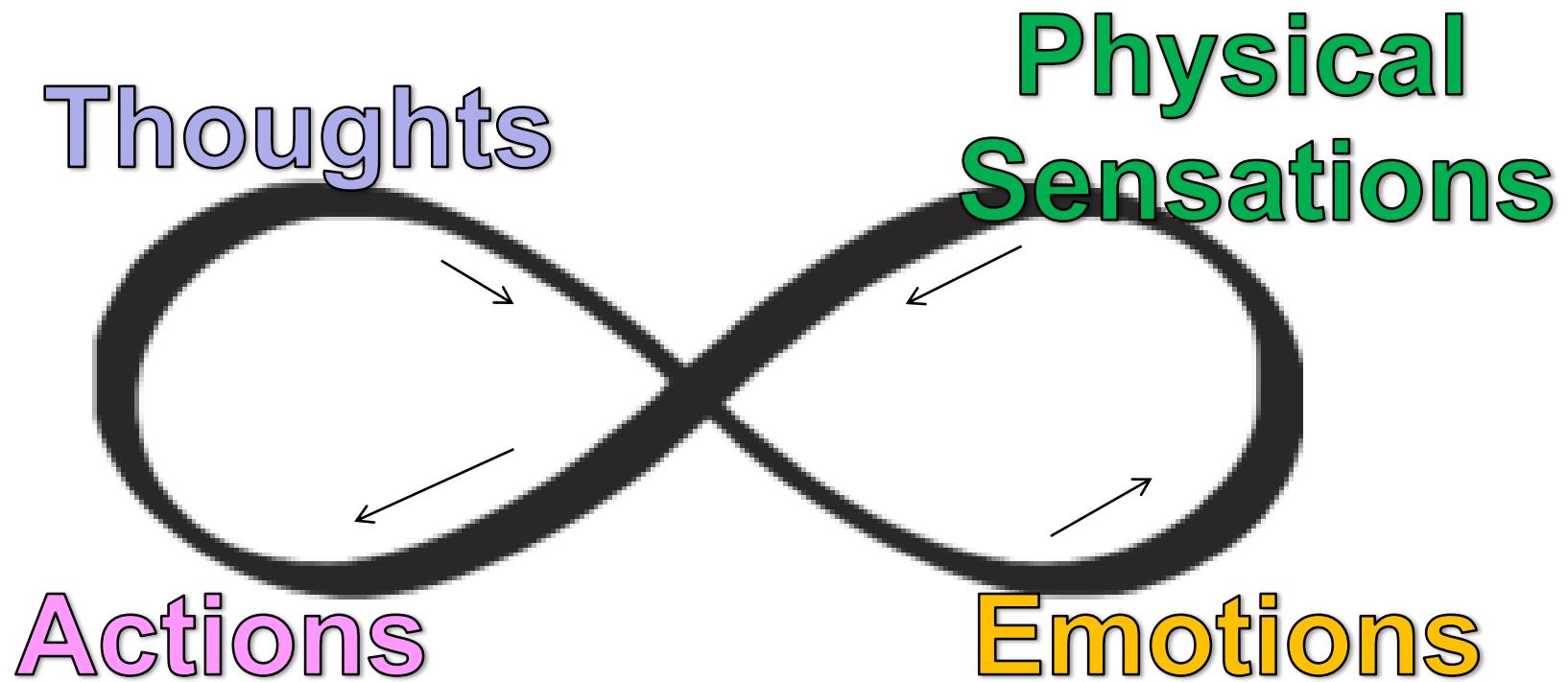
Connections

Thoughts, feelings, moods,
behaviours, habits

The experience of
physical sensations

Relating to ourselves, others
and the world in general

Living the loop



Sitting Meditation



You can't stop the waves,
But you can learn how to
SURF

Living Mindfully in Education



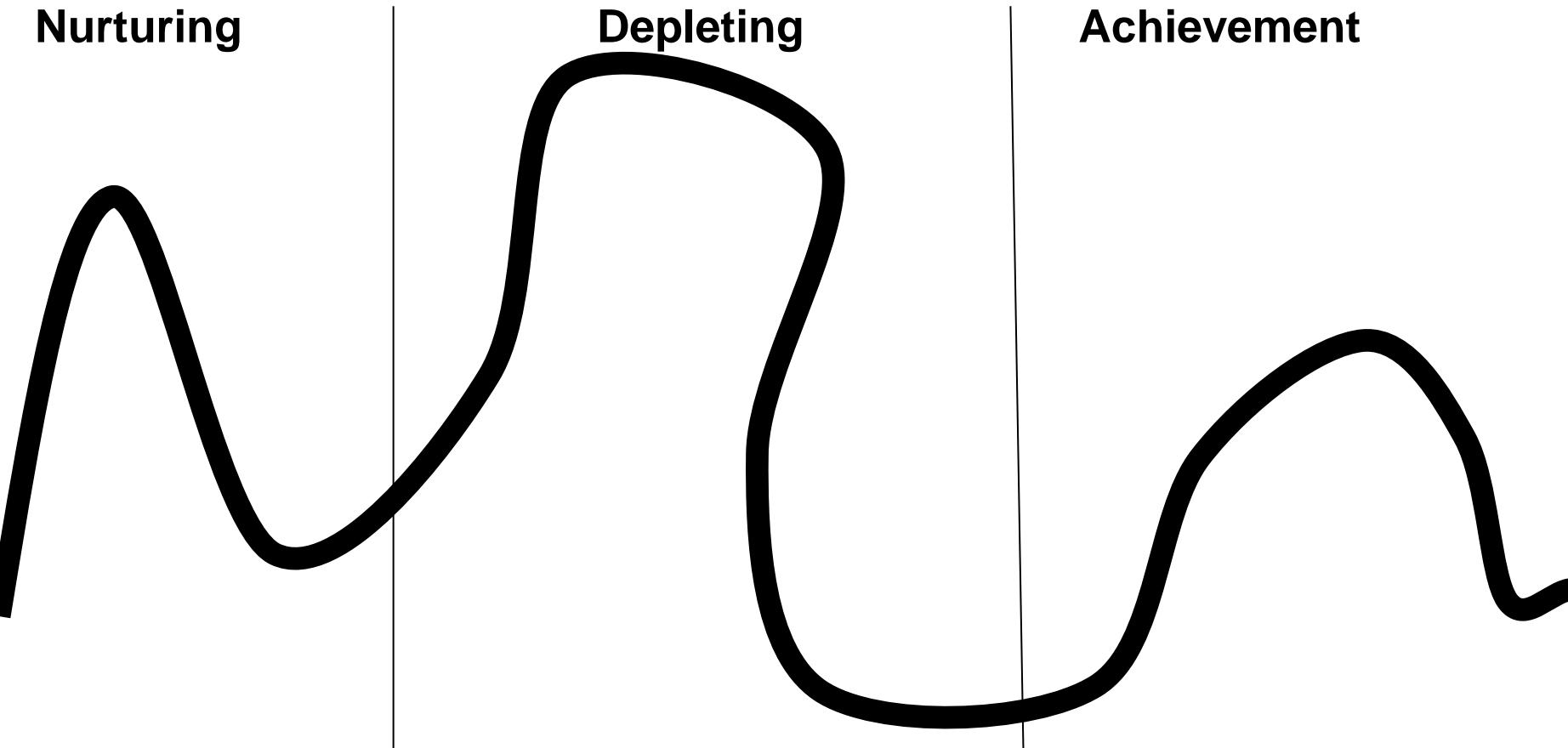
Let's hear it from the children...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kk7IBwuhXWM&list=PLakSKwdbNV2nt1X-A2ynta3O3umt98ccS&index=4>

Making a Difference

- Mindful mapping
- Gratitude journal
- Note down dreams and intentions
- For each negative, write three positives
- Personal pause tokens and compassionate comebacks
- A few mindful breaths – home base
- Wake up from autopilot
- Exercise often
- Do nice things for yourself without guilt
- When doing something, just do that thing
- Choose your language wisely
- Take a pause before speaking...and really listen to the other
- Be kind
- A mindful cup of tea
- Seek support

Mindful Mapping



Gratitude Journal

◆ gratitude journal ◆

morning gratitude
before you begin your day, list 10
things you're grateful for

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

what I'm learning from
my challenges

list three obstacles and what you're
learning from them

- 1.

what I'm learning:

- 2.

what I'm learning:

- 3.

what I'm learning:

people I'm grateful for

list 5 people who made your life a
little happier today. these could be
friends, family or strangers!

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

the best part of my day

choose one moment of your day
that made you happy and focus on it
for 5 minutes before bed



Compassionate Comeback

Let it come.
Let it be.
Let it go.

Just keep
swimming

Bring it on!

It is what it is,
while it is

This too
shall pass.



Apps and Resources

- Headspace
- Living Mindfully
- 7 Second Meditation
- Beditations
- The Mindfulness Diet
- Insight timer
- Aura
- Omvana
- Stop, Breathe and Think
- Calm

Inspiring Words

*Knowing others is intelligence.
Knowing yourself is true wisdom.*

Lao Tzu