Participant flow

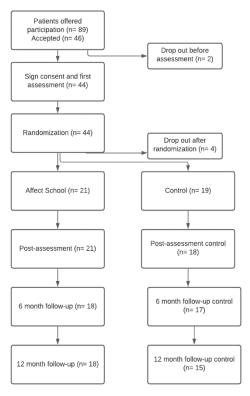


Figure 1. Flow chart of study process and participants.

Baseline characteristics

| | Affect school group, $n = 21$ | Control group, n = 19 | p-value |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Age, M (SD) [Range] | 28.3 (9.6) [18-46] | 29.7 (9.1) [19-51] | 0.638 ª |
| BMI, M (SD) [Range] | 23.5 (5.8) [16.6-38.9] | 24.2 (7.4) [15.6-44.8] | 0.656 ª |
| Eating disorder diagnoses, n (%) | | | 0.332 ^b |
| Anorexia nervosa | 4 (20) | 2 (11) | |
| Bulimia nervosa | 0 (0) | 3 (16) | |
| Binge eating disorder | 3 (14) | 3 (16) | |
| OSFED restrictive | 2 (10) | 3 (16) | |
| OSFED ² compensating | 12 (57) | 7 (37) | |
| OSFED unknown subtype | 0 (0) | 1 (5) | |
| Outcome variables, M (SD) [Range] | | | |
| EDE-Q | 4.0 (1.2) [1.6-5.6] | 3.1 (1.4) [0.6-5.5] | 0.030 ^a |
| TAS-20 | 63.9 (13.7) [34-87] | 62.1 (9.9) [42-81] | 0.650 ^a |
| DERS-36 | 3.4 (0.7) [1.9-4.6] | 3.2 (0.7) [1.8-4.3] | 0.296 ^a |

BMI = Body Mass Index (weight (kg) / height (m2)), DERS-36 = Difficulties in Emotion Regulation Scale, EDE-Q = Eating Disorder Examination Questionnaire, OSFED = Other Specified Feeding and Eating Disorder, TAS-20 = Toronto Alexithymia Scale

^a Independent sample t-test ^b Fisher's exact test

| Outcomes | Groups | Measurements, M (SD) | | | |
|----------|--------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | Baseline | Follow-up 1 | Follow-up 2 | Follow-up 3 |
| EDE-Q | AS | 4.0 (1.2) | 3.4 (1.4) | 2.3 (1.5) | 2.0 (1.3) |
| | CG | 3.1 (1.4) | 2.8 (1.6) | 2.9 (1.6) | 2.4 (1.7) |
| TAS-20 | AS | 63.9 (13.7) | 57.0 (11.8) | 46.9 (12.1) | 45.6 (11.6) |
| | CG | 61.8 (9.1) | 56.8 (16.0) | 58.2 (15.0) | 52.3 (15.4) |
| DERS-36 | AS | 3.4 (0.7) | 3.0 (0.7) | 2.4 (0.7) | 2.2 (0.7) |
| | CG | 3.2 (0.7) | 2.9 (0.7) | 2.7 (0.8) | 2.5 (0.9) |

Outcome 1: Score distributions of the outcome measures at baseline and follow-up assessments.

AS = Affect school, CG = Control group, DERS-36 = Difficulties in Emotion Regulation Scale, EDE-Q = Eating Disorder Examination Questionnaire, TAS-20 = Toronto Alexithymia Scale

Follow-ups: 1 = at the end of the Affect school, 2 = six months after ending the Affect school, 3 = 12 months after ending the Affect school.

Outcome 2: Intervention effects based on linear mixed models with random intercepts and unstructured covariance matrix.

| | EDE-Q | TAS-20 | DERS-36 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Main effect of group | | | |
| Control group | Ref. | Ref. | Ref. |
| Affect school | 0.94 (0.42) * | 2.02 (3.83) | 0.26 (0.22) |
| Main effect of time | | | |
| Baseline | Ref. | Ref. | Ref. |
| Follow-up 1 | -0.34 (0.30) | -5.17 (3.14) | -0.29 (0.12) * |
| Follow-up 2 | -0.37 (0.28) | -4.26 (2.61) | -0.46 (0.13) *** |
| Follow-up 3 | -0.98 (0.33) ** | -11.22 (2.91) *** | -0.68 (0.18) *** |
| Interaction effect of time and group | | | |
| Baseline - Control group | Ref. | Ref. | Ref. |
| Follow-up 1 - Affect school | -0.33 (0.30) | -1.69 (4.30) | -0.13 (0.16) |
| Follow-up 2 - Affect school | -1.20 (0.38) ** | -11.89 (3.60) ** | -0.53 (0.18) ** |
| Follow-up 3 - Affect school | -1.08 (0.44) * | -7.22 (3.98) | -0.59 (0.25) * |

DERS-36 = Difficulties in Emotion Regulation Scale, EDE-Q = Eating Disorder Examination Questionnaire, TAS-20 = Toronto Alexithymia Scale Follow-up: 1 = at the end of the Affect school, 2 = six months after ending the Affect school, 3 = 12 months after ending the Affect school. *p<.05, ** p<.01, ***p<.001

Adverse events

There were no adverse events associated with this trial.