

SOLVING CONFLICTS FAIRLY



Forgiveness is:

- * Having a change of feelings from negative to positive.
- * Accepting someone's apology and not holding a grudge.
- * Letting go of negative feelings towards people who may have done wrong towards us.

Without forgiveness:

- * People would hold on to negative feelings towards those who have done wrong towards them.
- * Friendships would probably not last very long.
- * Conflicts would not get resolved.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

To know how to help others use forgiveness to help resolve conflict.

Script:

"Today we are going to look at how we can solve conflicts between others using our own skills of forgiveness." Ask the children what they think the term 'mediator' means. Take feedback from the children and come up with a definition. "A mediator is a good listener, manages the discussion between the two people, is neutral and offers a way forward. You will be working in groups of three to play the role of a mediator with two people who are in conflict in different scenarios."

Suggested Resources:

Scenario cards for children to use, mediation role-play tasks.

Forgiveness Year 6 Scenario Cards.

Character Coaching

Guidance:

Please remember to listen while the other person is talking.

Meaningful Praise:

I am pleased with the way that you managed to solve your problems by talking calmly and showing good listening during the mediation session.

Suggested Activities:

The mediator sits in the middle, with the other children sitting on either side. The mediator outlines the ground rules - each person will be allowed to speak without interruption, the mediator will ask questions after both parties have had the opportunity to share their point of view. The mediator offers a solution to the problem. Both children agree to forgive and move on.

Plenary:

Tell the children that they can use the skill of mediation to help solve problems both in school and at home. A rota of mediators could then be organised for the school.

Correction:

Please remember the ground rules. It is important that everyone has an equal opportunity to share their side of the story without being interrupted.

It seems to me that you are angry at what is being said. Please do allow X to keep speaking and you will have an opportunity to share your side and be listened to afterwards.