

HONESTY ROLE PLAY



LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

To know that we must check the truth of any story before we repeat it to others. Children know how to act if someone tells them a rumour that they do not believe to be true.

Suggested Resources:

Suitable 'honesty' scenarios as detailed in the activities section below.

Script:

Remind children of last week's scenario that the teacher found him/herself in. Remind them of what they would do. Today children will learn about how to react to the person who is spreading the rumour. Role play the situation with another member of staff. To begin with, the person spreading the rumour should be egged on by the listener with lots of questions: "Really? Did that actually happen? Who told you?". Pause and ask what the 'listener' is doing? Are they managing the situation properly? What should they do? Steer children towards deciding that the best thing to do is to calmly explain to the person spreading the rumour that you do not think it is true and that it is very dishonest to behave in this way.

Character Coaching

Meaningful Praise:

Thank you for being honest.

Thank you for admitting what you did, I appreciate your honesty.

Guidance:

Remember that being honest is very important because it helps people to know that you can be trusted.

Suggested Activities:

In pairs, give children some different scenarios to role play. They must focus on explaining to the person spreading the rumour that it may be untrue and that they are acting in a dishonest way which may damage someone's reputation or cause them distress.

Example scenarios:

Did you hear that a visitor to the school wrote graffiti on the classroom wall?

I heard that our teacher never pays for her school lunch!

Did you know that the Year 1 teacher was mean to the Year 2 teacher?

Explain to children that these are make-believe situations!

Correction:

How could you use honesty next time this happens?

I need someone to practise honesty so that I know what really happened.

I was saddened that you did not practise honesty today. What will you do differently next time?

Please practise honesty.