

TRICKY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



Respect is:

- * An attitude of caring for others with dignity and kindness.
- * Acting with the needs, feelings and rights of others in mind.
- * Speaking with politeness and acting with courtesy.
- * Honouring the rules of our family or school.

Synonyms:

- * Kind
- * Polite
- * Right
- * Wrong
- * Respect

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

In this discursive lesson, children will consider their reactions and answers to a number of challenging questions that get to the heart of showing respect for people, even if they are different from you.

Script:

Explain that, in today's lesson, children will be asked a series of questions. They will have an opportunity to talk to their partner about their answer and then take it in turns to provide feedback to the class.

Teachers: during the course of this discussion, ensure that everyone has an opportunity to contribute to the discussion. Remember to ask children to explain their answer and steer answers that contradict the school's vision and values towards how the school expects children to approach each question.

Pick from the following series of questions and allow 6-8 minutes for each. Before moving on to the next question, summarise the discussion for pupils.

1. Agree or disagree: it's OK to insult or make fun of people as long as they do not hear it.
2. Do you have to like a person in order to be respectful, or can you be respectful to someone even if you do not really like him or her?
3. When you are with a group of children, what things might other people do or say that make you feel good? What things make you feel bad?
4. Is it harder to respect someone who is very different from you? Why?
5. What are the benefits of having friends who are different to you?
6. Is it ever OK to treat another person with disrespect?

Character Coaching

Meaningful Praise:

I like the way you thought very hard about your answers to these tricky questions about respect. I also like the way you respected other people's answers, even when you did not agree with them.

Guidance:

What will respectful discussion look like?

Correction:

Remember that even if you do not agree with someone's answer, it is important to show them respect by listening to what they have to say.