

Restorative Practices

Heaton St. Barnabas' C.E. (V.A.)

Primary School

Mission Statement: Unity in Diversity

Core Values:

- Respect
- Enthusiasm / Hard Work
- Compassion (inc: Kindness, empathy,)
- Honesty
- Happiness/fun
- Responsibility



What is Restorative Practice?

The term 'Restorative Practices' is used in education to mean:

- restoring good relationships when there has been conflict or harm;
- developing school ethos, policies and procedures that reduce the possibilities of such conflict and harm.

Aims/Objectives of this approach

Effective use of Restorative Practices should foster awareness of how others have been affected by inappropriate behaviour.

- rejects the act not the actor
- > allows participants to make amends for the harm caused.
- ➤ acknowledges the worth of the person and their potential contribution to the school community.

The Restorative Practices framework will:

- Improve behaviour and attitudes;
- Provide a framework to challenge unacceptable behaviour, resolve conflict and repair harm;
- Improve relationships; establish rights, accountabilities and responsibilities
- Provide a safe basis for staff, pupils and parents to share ideas and discuss issues.

Circle Time

Check-in Circle: 8.45 a.m.

Children need to be in school on time

Check – out Circle: 3.05 p.m.



Circle Time

- Happens at the beginning and end of each day
- A way to build community within the school
- A time to reflect
- A time to look forward
- A time to respond in a relaxed environment

Conflict Resolution

- A new way of dealing with conflict in school
- A move away from a consequence being the ultimate priority
- A move towards letting children express what happened and how they were feeling
- Allows every child to talk
- Jointly decide on what needs to happen to move forward

3. Restorative Questions:

To respond to challenging behaviour (Perpetrator)

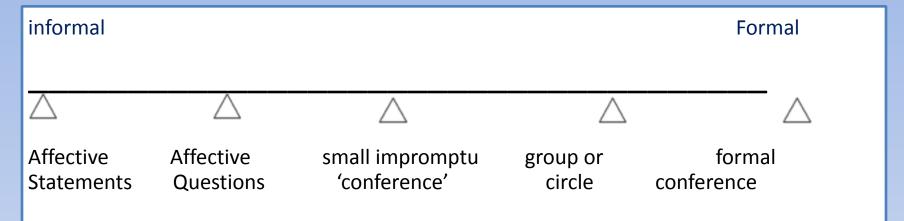
- What happened?
- What were you thinking about at the time?
- What have your thoughts been since?
- Who has been affected by what you did?
- In what way have they been affected?
- What do you think needs to happen to make things right?

3. Restorative Questions:

To help those harmed by others actions: (Victim)

- What did you think when you realised what had happened?
- What have your thoughts been since?
- How has this affected you and others?
- What has been the hardest thing for you?
- What do you think needs to happen to make things right?

The Restorative Practice 'Continuum'



We believe it is best to do things WITH PEOPLE. Wherever possible you should use **fair process** and our responses to challenging behaviour should involve **building relationships** and **repairing harm.**

The majority of issues should be resolved using the informal end of the continuum.



Rewards/Incentives



Termly awards – presentation



attendance best learner most responsible most caring

Termly awards are used to recognize and reward children whose learning behaviours and general attitudes reflect the core values of the school over a sustained period.

Rewards and Incentives continued:

❖ Rainbow (KS1)







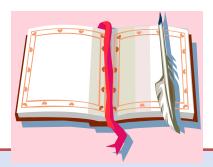
In accordance with the Christian ethos of our school, each day is a new start for children. At the start of each day all children's names are placed on the rainbow /middle rung of the ladder

Rewards and incentives cont...

Golden Time



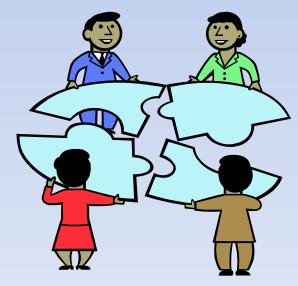
Special Book

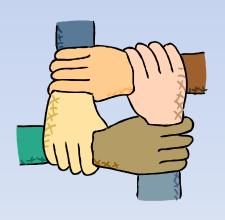


Parental Involvement

- Our aim in the future is to have an increasing number of parents involved in Restorative Practices
- To understand and respect the principles of Restorative Practices
- Ask parents to be involved in 'check in' and 'check out' circles
- To be involved in more formal conferences if there are serious or recurring conflicts in school

Home - School Agreement





Adults in school will:

- Listen, be open and welcoming.
- Meet the needs of children to ensure they achieve their full potential.
- Offer a curriculum which is designed to prepare our children for the opportunities of belonging to a wider community.
- Share information about what children are learning and the best way parents can help at home.
- Build a sense of confidence and pride in our school.
- Celebrate pupil's achievements both in school and with parents.
- Let parents know of any concerns or problems that affect pupil's progress or well being.

Parents/Carers will:

- Discuss the Home School Partnership Agreement with their child.
- Ensure their child arrive every day (unless they are ill), on time and with everything they need.
- Inform school immediately, the reason for any absence.
- Let school know of any issues or concerns which might affect their child's work or well being in school.
- Attend parents' meetings, discussions about their child's progress and other events in school.
- Work in partnership with the school to develop positive attitudes towards others.
- Build a positive attitude towards education and the school.
- Use discretion when discussing issues or concerns in front of their child as these may have a negative effect on their outlook.

Children are expected to:

- Do their best at everything they do.
- Ask for help when they need it.
- Look after their own, other people's and school property.
- Follow the school core values both inside and outside school.
- Be helpful and polite at all times.
- Make the right choices about their own learning and that of others.

Together - we will:

- Support and encourage children in all areas of school life.
- Develop a love of learning.
- Promote mutual respect.
- Nurture children into becoming responsible, successful members of the community.

A Restorative School

Thankyou for attending today

Any questions?