

Inverclyde Council schools have developed a Positive Relations and Positive Behaviour Policy. As part of this policy Newark Nursery School and Newark Primary school are developing a restorative approach to resolving conflict.

This leaflet explains more about this approach and explains how you can support your child.

Aims of a Restorative Approach

To develop the skills and abilities of people to manage their thoughts and feelings.

- To build the ability of people to take responsibility for their own actions.
- To aid people in developing the skills necessary to rebuild and repair relationships.

'Learning in health and wellbeing ensures that children and develop the knowledge and understanding, skills, capabilities and attributes, which they need for mental, emotional, social and physical wellbeing now and in the future.'

(Curriculum for Excellence, Health & Wellbeing Principles & Practice)

As part of the commitment to a Curriculum for Excellence, restorative approaches can be used to promote positive relationships in our community.

What is a Restorative Approach?

It is about building, maintaining and repairing relationships in our community.

How do we use it?

We encourage building and maintaining relationships by learning in health and wellbeing, modelling of behaviour by adults and peers, use of circle time and check in; providing opportunities for people to express themselves, assemblies and celebrating achievement in a variety of areas.



When do we use it?

Restorative approaches are used when hurtful or harmful behaviour has caused harm and damaged relationships.

What does this mean for my child?

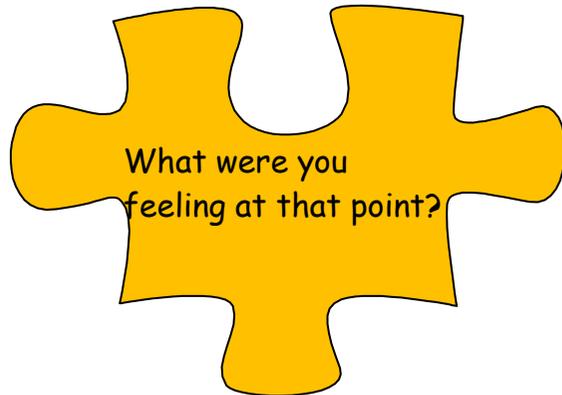
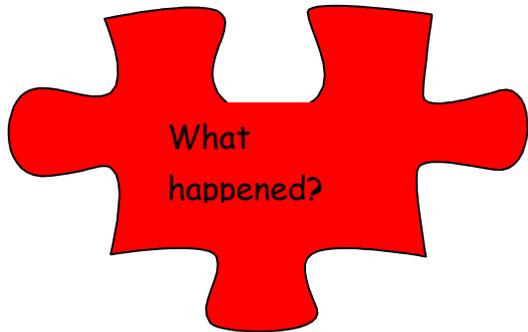
To repair the harm and mend the relationships we may:

- Carry out a restorative enquiry with those alleged to be involved. This is a staff and pupil conversation to find out who is affected and what need to happen for everyone to move on.
 - A restorative meeting may take place if required. This is a meeting between a staff member and two or more young people, everyone has an opportunity to say what has happened, how they feel and what needs to happen for everyone to move on and repair the harm.
 - You may be invited to discuss your thoughts and feelings about the incident.

How can Parents help?

- ✓ Encourage your child to respect others and learn to see situations from the other person's view point.
- ✓ Encourage your child to pay close attention to what people are saying.
- ✓ Encourage your child to talk to others without put downs or sarcasm.
- ✓ Encourage your child to support others through friendships and peer tutoring.
- ✓ Try to be a good listener

To encourage people to think about their thoughts, feelings and behaviour during a Restorative Conversation we would ask the following questions.



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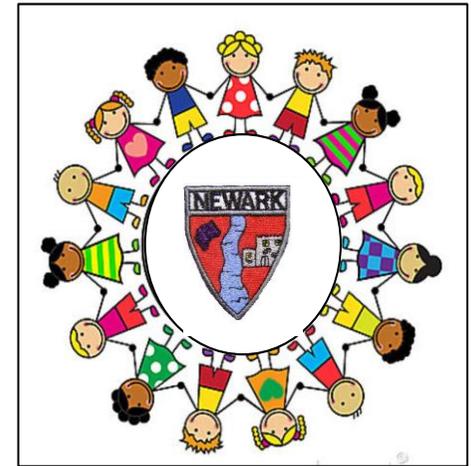
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