

THIS WEEK'S TOPIC IS RESPECTING OPINIONS



Why is this important?

It is important that we teach children that other people can have different opinions to ourselves and that is okay! We don't all need to believe the same things. However, we do need to treat people with respect. Even if we disagree with someone else's opinion, we don't need to be rude.

How to speak about others' opinions.

- Teaching children to respect others and embrace differences is crucial for raising empathetic, open-minded individuals. In a diverse world, learning to appreciate others' backgrounds, perspectives, and choices builds stronger relationships and fosters a more inclusive society.
- Model respectful behaviour about other people's views – show open-mindedness. Teach the importance of listening and respecting other's opinions.
- Have family discussions where everyone gets to give their point of view.
- Talk about other culture's celebrations to show you accept and respect their traditions.



Harmful opinions.

Sometimes, other people have harmful opinions which are racist or homophobic. Encourage your child to talk to you, as their trusted adult, if someone says something that makes them feel uncomfortable. In school, children are told that we have freedom of speech but that speech should not hurt someone else.