

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IN OUR SCHOOL

What is Restorative justice?

RJ is a process that resolves conflict. It is part of a larger ethos also known as Restorative Practices/Approaches. It promotes telling the truth, taking responsibility, acknowledging harm as appropriate response to conflict and in doing so creates accountability.

We have introduced RJ into our school of managing some behaviour that happen in school between our pupils. This is being introduced now as the large majority of our staff have just completed the training and are keen to embed this approach across our school community.

RJ gives our pupils the opportunity to look to see if they have caused harm or if they have been harmed, did they contribute to the conflict in anyway by their own behaviour. Both participants are then given the opportunity to agree on how they are going to treat each other in the future which gives them a personal stake in the success of the mutual agreement.

This method of conflict resolution has been proven to improve the following:

emotional literacy, truth recognition, accountability, behaviour, attendance, reduction in bullying and positive life skills.

If your child/ward takes part in RJ at any time then you will be informed by teacher to parent text. If you have questions regarding this matter then please do not hesitate to see either Miss Wheatley or Mrs Pilkington who will be only too pleased to answer any queries you may have.