Overthorpe C of E Academy

Where Do We Include "Mutual Respect" in our Curriculum?

"We nurture the courage and skills to fly higher than the flock …"

We are an inclusive and nurturing school and we are open to all.

Staff have taken part in recent "Restorative Practice" training and carry prompts on their lanyards.

Everyone has access to our curriculum and it was written specifically with our pupils and our local communities in mind.

We have undertaken "Carry My Story" and Twinning projects with schools of a different context.

Teaching staff have undertaken training led by Barnados, regarding homophobic and transphobic bullying. We have had training on Gender Identity by the MHST team. We have received Islamic Awareness training and Year 6 have worked with Mencap in Kirklees to learn about different learning disabilities.

Incidents of racism / homophobic bullying are rare and we work hard to educate pupils where misconceptions and lack of understanding occurs.

Our curriculum teaches children to listen to one another and to debate and discuss with respect.

Our staff team support all of our children on an individual level, according to their current needs.

Our SEND leader and Pupil Premium leader support individuals in various ways (see the individual website pages for further information).

"Overthorpe is more than a school …"

Our Neighbourhood Nest hosts Seniors Club, community groups, parenting classes, adult learning classes, Fareshare, Uniform Exchange, workshops, Stay and Play, Locala meetings and Coffee Mornings. Our pupils are encouraged to take part in some of these events (e.g. reading to Seniors, sharing art work, singing, Brass) or donating resources to support them e.g. Uniform Exchange. We include all community groups, everyone is welcomed and respected.

Our Christian values help us to remember that God created us all equal and we are all God's children. Our Collective Worship sessions reinforce this regularly and pupils can talk at length about what our values and school vision means to them.

In lessons, visitors comment on how we listen with respect to each other and how relation-ships are a strength of the school.

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