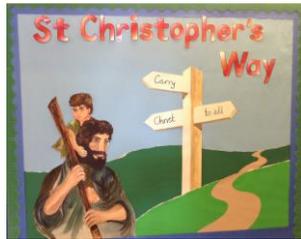


Restorative Approaches at St Christopher's



Our Relationships and Behaviour Policy is underpinned by The St Christopher's Way – a set of 6 values which reflect the qualities we want to develop in our children – resilience, tolerance, caring, responsibility, fairness and honesty.

We believe that relationships are key and time is spent teaching children how to build relationships and resolve any difficulties that arise.

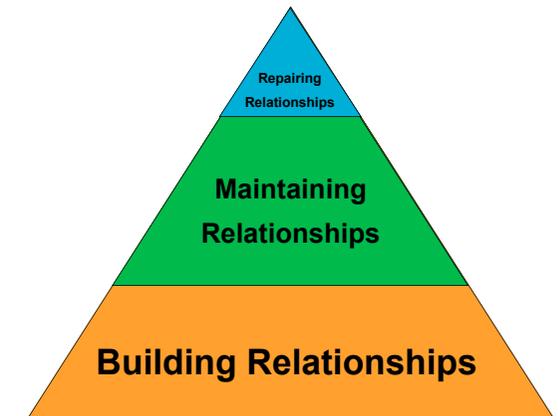
Embedding Our Values and Developing Relationships

At St Christopher's we support children to develop relationships in a variety of ways:

- Weekly Circles where children explore situations, feelings and actions
- Restorative Champs who support children on the playground
- Restorative Questions and script used by all staff.
- Check-ins which show children how their emotions and feelings are valued



Relationships are like cars. You need to maintain them to keep them going. If you don't look after them they can breakdown. You then need to find ways to repair them.



To support children in repairing relationships we ask a set of questions. This puts the focus on the feelings of anyone who has been harmed and looks at how we can move forward. Just as children are learning to read and write they are also learning to manage relationships.

What happened?

What were you thinking when it happened?
What did you feel inside when it happened?

How are you now?
Who else has been affected?

What do you need to feel better?

What needs to happen to put things right?

An essential part of the Christian message is the concept of forgiveness, mercy and healing leading to reconciliation. Reconciliation not only between the harmer and harmed, but also reconciliation of the harmer within themselves.

What do our children say?

We don't get told off, we get help to deal with our problems

We can sort out problems and sometimes the children find it easier to talk to us. (RA Champ)

If you have been unkind it helps you to think about your actions



"God welcomes us and offers us another chance if we open ourselves to the truth of penance and allow ourselves to be transformed by his mercy." Pope Francis 2014