

PLAY NICELY

Do we want our children to have fun in the yard? Of course we do!! In the junior SEL classes we have been practising how to be a good friend and play nicely in the playground. The students have played board games in the classroom following a friendly dialogue that we discussed in class and highlighted taking turns, using fair starts to the games, giving each other compliments, and learning to be a good winner and loser.

The classes then looked at how to play nicely in the yard. We talked about what a good friend does and how to behave in the yard to ensure everyone has a good time. Taking turns on the slide, ensuring others are not left out by including them in games, helping others and playing by the rules are the list of things we felt were important whilst playing. We thought about how the students could manage behaviour by following the same general rules. Emphasis was placed on not shouting, pulling faces or being mean whilst discussing someone's behaviour.



The next part of the process was to ensure no one was left on their own. The students brought up that others could invite them into their game, the child could sit on the friendship bench, the child could approach others to ask if they could join them, the child could seek out an older student to help them and finally speak to a teacher if all those ideas did not work.

If parents could use this process outside of school this may assist your children in following a dialogue to ensure they have FUN when playing with others.

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