

The incident at the school gate: an anti-bullying classroom activity

Recommended for Key Stage 2

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What is happening?



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Introduction

Prior to delivering this classroom activity, we'd advise you to watch this short video.

Distribute the illustration. Have a general discussion about the drawing.

Ask the children/young people: What's happening in the image? What emotions might be involved ?

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Who's who?



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Discussion

Ask pupils in pairs to choose a character and discuss their behaviour:

- How are they involved in this incident?
- What do you think they're feeling?

Ask them to identify:

- the ringleader
- the target of the bullying,
- those 'reinforcing' the behaviour e.g. laughing along
- those helping the ringleader to bully
- those defending the target
- any outsiders who aren't doing anything



How could we stop this happening?





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Discussion

Discuss how this situation could have been stopped and/or prevented. For example:

- Someone could have told the teacher.
- The children who are laughing could stop laughing along.
- Involve the adults in the illustration as well.

The aim is to get the children to understand that bullying is very often a group a group activity and that we all have the power to help stop it. We all need to act as defenders.

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Recreating the illustration





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Activity

Ask a group of the young people to act out the illustration.

Allocate each young person a role from the illustration. Once in position they could each say a sentence about how they are feeling and how they could help. This reinforces the message of the group involved in bullying and the ability to intervene.

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THANKS for using our resource

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