

## Restorative Practice



### **Restorative Practice is part of Wood End School, but what is it?**

It is the commitment of all adults to build respectful relationships and a calm positive environment.

### **How do we do that?**

- This is done by having regular circle time that ensures that everyone is listened to and has a voice. The circle leader encourages everyone to follow the agreed circle expectations. Adult only meetings are also started with a circle.
- The circles focus on feelings, experiences, ideas and hopes.
- Time is spent on analysing adult body language and verbal language to ensure that we are dealing with all behaviour in a fair, firm and respectful manner.
- Using key questions such as ‘what happened?’ ‘How do you think.....felt when that happened?’ ‘What do you think needs to happen now to make things better?’ The adults help children to verbalise and take responsibility for their actions. We are teaching children that their actions have an affect on others and that there are consequences.
- Build respectful relationships with parents/carers and the wider community.

### **What is the purpose of Restorative Practice?**

- To provide everyone with a sense of belonging to a community (e.g. school, class, group etc).
- To teach lifelong social skills such as taking responsibility for own actions, listening and respecting differences.
- Improve behaviour and provide a calm environment so that each child can engage with learning.
- Less stress for everyone.

### **Where can I find out more about Restorative Practice?**

- Speak to any member of staff or the school Lead Practitioners Mrs Rayner and Mrs Hall.
- Visit the Restorative Foundation website <http://www.restorativefoundation.org.uk/>