

# Tolerance



We can show tolerance by:

- Respecting the religious beliefs of others
- Not judging others
- Respecting and appreciating differences in people.

Our whole school ethos is built around mutual respect and tolerance and we believe that respect for others is a vital component of moral development.

We are an inclusive school where everyone is valued and has a contribution to make to the school.

## TEACHING KIDS TOLERANCE & DIVERSITY



We live in a time in which the world is becoming increasingly more diverse. However, even though the world is more diverse, racism and intolerance still exists. Here are eight ways you can teach children about tolerance and diversity.

- 1 PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH**  
Children will often practice what they see and hear as opposed to what they are taught. This is why children are more inclined to treat others with respect when they see you practicing tolerance and accepting others for who they are.  

- 2 DISCUSS TOLERANCE & DIVERSITY HONESTLY**  
Many adults tell children things like "we don't see color" and "we are all the same on the inside." The truth is, people do come in different colors. It is more important that children learn to accept others for who they are instead of pretending that differences don't exist.  

- 3 EXPOSE KIDS TO DIVERSITY**  
Have your child participate in activities or play dates with children from diverse backgrounds when possible. This will help them understand that although people are different, they can still work and have fun together.  

- 4 CORRECT RACIAL & CULTURAL INSENSITIVITY**  
Sometimes children will repeat things they hear not knowing that what they are saying is offensive. It's important to correct them and explain why it is unacceptable to speak negatively about people because they are different.  

- 5 HELP KIDS EMBRACE THEIR OWN CULTURE**  
This is helpful because when a child accepts who they are and have a positive self-esteem, they are less likely to see people who are different as threats. They will be more likely to respect others because they appreciate and respect themselves.  

- 6 READ DIVERSITY & TOLERANCE THEMED BOOKS**  
There are many great, kid-friendly books that teach children about diversity and accepting others for who they are. Visit [kiddiematters.com](http://kiddiematters.com) for a list of books.  

- 7 WATCH DIVERSITY & TOLERANCE MOVIES**  
Popular films such as Mulan, Brave, Frozen, Wreck it Ralph, Monster's Inc., and Shrek are just a few movies you can choose from. Make sure that you discuss any elements of diversity and tolerance that come up while watching these films.  

- 8 COMPLETE DIVERSITY & TOLERANCE ACTIVITIES**  
Play dress up and provide children with clothing from different cultures. For example yarmulkes, kimono, sari, etc. Discuss with children what culture each piece of clothing is from and why it is worn. More activities at [kiddiematters.com](http://kiddiematters.com)  
