



Dear parent/carer,

We are excited to be training St Mary's RC Primary School's first team of peer mediators!

Peer mediation is conflict resolution for children by children. A team of year 5 children will be trained in the skills and process of mediation- the same process used by adults to find solutions to conflict. They will be available in pairs to help at break and lunchtime. Other children will be able to seek their support. We are partnering with trainers from Peace Pathways, part of the Civil Mediation Council's Peer Mediation Working Group.

The peer mediators will develop life skills and be a part of helping our school be safe and peaceful for everyone by offering conflict resolution. In fact, they are the same skills professional mediators use. They will be trained to be responsible and help their peers find their own solutions. They won't take sides, they won't tell other children what to do, and they won't gossip about other children's problems. They will learn to be great listeners and facilitators. Our excellent teachers and staff will always be on hand to help if needed. Other schools with peer mediators have seen a positive impact on the playground and in the classroom.

This complements the work the school already does to build positive relationships and safety across the room, including the Rights of The Child.

Miss Lyndon will be our Coordinator, providing ongoing support for the team of peer mediators.

Every child in Year 5 will receive an introductory workshop teaching them about conflict resolution and the role of the mediator so they can decide whether they want to put themselves forward. The team of 12 children will be chosen through application forms and selected by our Rights Respecting Team in school.

If you'd like to know more about peer mediation, you can watch the following videos:

Introduction to Peer Mediation (5 minutes): <https://padlet.com/benh40/peer-mediation-resources-grshk4d9ewrn11li/wish/R7dXad2p0zRnZ6bl>

Peer Mediation Schools Celebratory Event, (5 minutes) Manchester 2025:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TBQDtT6OHYY>

You can also look at the Civil Mediation website <https://civilmediation.org/peer-mediation/>

We will train a new team each year.

Many thanks,

Mrs Alcock and Miss Lyndon
Peace Pathways Leads