

What is Respect?

Respect means valuing other people, their feelings, and their belongings. It's about treating others the way we would like to be treated—kindly, fairly, and with understanding. At school, respect helps everyone feel safe and happy. It means listening carefully, using polite words, and caring for our classrooms and playground.

At home, respect can look like saying “please” and “thank you,” helping with jobs around the house, and speaking kindly to family members. It also means looking after things we share, like toys or devices, and remembering that everyone's opinions matter.

When we show respect at home and at school, we build strong friendships and a positive community where everyone feels valued.

Why is Respect Important?

Respect is the foundation of positive relationships. When we show respect, everyone feels valued and included. It helps us work together, solve problems calmly, and create a safe and happy environment—both at school and at home.

Respect teaches us to appreciate differences, listen to others, and care for our surroundings. Without respect, friendships can break down and learning becomes harder. With respect, we build trust and kindness, making our school and homes places where everyone can shine.



Everyday Examples of Showing Respect

- Listening carefully when someone is speaking without interrupting.
- Using polite words like “please,” “thank you,” and “excuse me.”
- Taking care of belongings—our own and things we share.
- Following rules at home and school to keep everyone safe.
- Waiting your turn in games, conversations, or queues.
- Speaking kindly to family, friends, and teachers.
- Helping others when they need support.
- Appreciating differences in opinions, cultures, and beliefs.
- Tidying up after ourselves in classrooms and at home.
- Looking after the environment—picking up litter and recycling.

What does the Bible teach us about Respect?

The Bible teaches us that respect is about loving others and treating them with kindness, just as we would like to be treated. It reminds us to honour our parents, listen to wise advice, and show care for everyone—because each person is special to God. Respect is part of living in harmony and building strong, loving communities

- **The Good Samaritan** (Luke 10:25–37) – Showing kindness and care to someone different from us.
- **David Spares Saul** (1 Samuel 24) – Respecting others even when it's hard.
- **Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet** (John 13:1–17) – Serving others with humility and love.
- **Honour Your Father and Mother** (Exodus 20:12) – Respecting parents and family.
- **Jesus and the Children** (Mark 10:13–16) – Valuing and welcoming everyone, no matter their age