



# Clermiston Primary School

## Responding to Racist Incidents



### Ways to support and educate your child after exhibiting racism in school

- Avoid confrontation.
- Repeat the comment or define the action to ensure you have understood it correctly – ask your child to repeat themselves and/or explain what they meant.
- If there is any uncertainty or their understanding of certain language is incorrect, it is important to identify the meaning and use of language or behaviour remains racist and not something that should be used. Ensure your child understands this, this can be a challenging discussion. You may wish to use some of the links below to guide you on how to manage this.
- Ask your child why they said or did this or where they heard this language before.
- Acknowledge any sense of grievance or hurt your child may also be experiencing while clarifying that this does not justify any racist comments/actions.
- Try to relate the issue to your child and try to find some parallels, to gain empathy. E.g. How would you feel if...
- Revisit the situation as often as necessary to ensure there has been an effective resolution and there has been no repetition.
- We Are All Special: Newark Primary Against Racism (youtube.com) was developed by a group of school children in Glasgow. It talks about their individual experiences with racism and how this has made them feel. This is a good resource to engage your child in understanding racism and how it affects those around them.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WbXOZyqb034>

**Consider your child's access to social media or online space's. Have they come across this language online or are they following accounts where this language is being used?**

### **See these links below for additional support:**

How to start a conversation with your child - <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/how-to-talk-to-your-child-about-mental-health/>

Educating your child about hate speech: <https://www.unicef.org/parenting/how-talk-your-children-about-hate-speech>

Talking to your child about racism at different ages:  
<https://www.unicef.org/parenting/talking-to-your-kids-about-racism>

How to talk to your child about the 'n-word': <https://parents-together.org/heres-how-to-talk-to-your-child-about-racial-slurs-the-n-word/> (scroll down for example of a conversation script video)

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