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Anti-Bullying Initiative – Teaching Children to Respect Individual Differences

Dear Parents,

Every child is unique in their interests, abilities, learning pace, choices and ways of expressing themselves. Sometimes, children may make others feel uncomfortable by mocking their preferences, criticising their interests, or making them feel inferior for being different.

This month, we encourage parents to help children develop acceptance and respect for individual differences.

What Parents Can Do:

- **Encourage acceptance:** Teach children that everyone has different interests, hobbies, strengths and preferences, and these differences deserve respect.
- **Avoid labelling:** Discourage the use of labels such as "weak", "slow", "boring" or "weird" for classmates.
- **Respect different abilities:** Explain that children learn and perform at different speeds and should never be made to feel embarrassed about it.
- **Discuss exclusionary behaviour:** If your child refuses to work or play with someone because they are different, discuss the importance of inclusiveness.
- **Be mindful of language at home:** Avoid making negative remarks about other people's abilities, choices, backgrounds or differences.

November Family Activity:

Ask your child to identify three qualities they admire in people who are different from them. Discuss how these differences make friendships and classrooms more meaningful.

Let us nurture children who value individuality and treat everyone with dignity and kindness.

With Warm Regards
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