

04.03.2024 Whole School Assembly: Personal Space

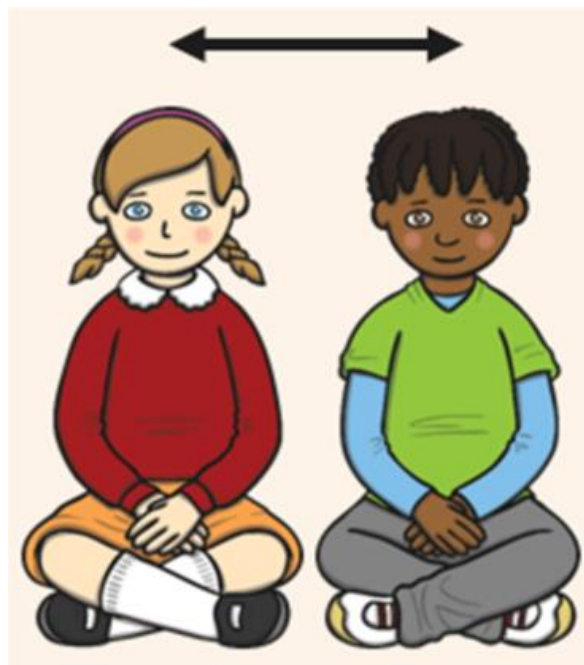
Thinking time whilst coming into assembly:



How do you show respect?

Bonus question: What are protected characteristics?

We started with the question: what is personal space? The children gave their understanding of what it is and how they might measure it. Although we might not realise it, some children find sitting or standing too close to other people might be uncomfortable for them:



I then asked the children to think about if they had ever moved into someone's personal space without being invited and how that might make them feel. Personal space is like an invisible bubble that surrounds us and helps us keep safe. Remember: Ready, Respectful, Safe.

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We all have our own personal space. It is your choice who enters it. We thought of it as our 'bubble':



I then asked the question: when might it be ok to enter someone else's bubble?

The ideas we had were: playing tig at playtime, football, netball, holding hands with a partner, sitting next to each other at a table, in assembly.

We then discussed how inappropriate it was to touch others or enter someone's bubble without being invited. We can ask permission and respect each other's wishes.

We finished by returning to respect: **respect** each other's personal space.

