



## Priory Junior School

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Dear Parents,

### Peer Mediator Training

We are delighted to be able to train more Year 5 Peer Mediators for our school. The children will be trained by Mrs Wager and Mrs Pledger and this will take place within school time.

In peer mediation pupils are trained to act as mediators in a dispute without help from teachers. This empowers children and develops their sense of community and co-operation.

Peer mediation takes place in a structured and safe environment with adult supervision nearby and always requires the participation of two peer mediators. Peer mediators deal with low-level disputes and always refer to school staff when a situation becomes too complex for them to handle.

All pupils learn the basic skills of communication and conflict resolution and develop the coping skills that they will need outside and beyond school.

Pupils who are trained as peer mediators develop additional skills in communication, negotiation, understanding and problem solving. Acting as mediators helps to promote young people's emotional and social skills and builds self-esteem and confidence.

Your child has applied for the position of Peer Mediator, and has been chosen for this role in school. The training will take place on 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> March in the afternoon. The training is scheduled to finish at 3.10pm, and children will be ready for home-time

If you have any questions regarding the training, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please return the permission slip attached and return to school by Monday to confirm your child's place by clicking [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

Tracy Keefe

