

Character Education Skills Ladders: Courtesy



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Year Six children understand that they are role models in school and therefore, they show Courtesy by helping someone else understand their actions, especially if these actions haven't shown Values. Year Six can advise and suggest ways to show Courtesy to younger children and in difficult situations.

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'Karma' understanding is developed in Year Five and children know that 'what goes around could come back around.' They understand that by acting considerately leads to a positive community. Therefore, Year Five children show Courtesy by having a good, positive attitude towards others.

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The idea of 'Karma' is introduced in Year Four and children understand this as 'how you act towards others influences how others act towards you' and 'treat others as you want to be treated.' In Year Four, children show Courtesy by being generous and helping others without thinking of a reward or treat.

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Children in Year Three start to understand that showing Courtesy can lead to good feelings. So, they help out in ways that they can with more independence and can explain why the favour felt good for them as well. Children's manners in Year Three extend to asking and answering questions about feelings, "How are you?" and, "I'm fine, thank you, how are you?" Good manners are shown.

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Year Two children show Courtesy by learning about helping. They will help each other out but sometimes have to be asked or reminded. They know that helping others is a good thing but understand that being helpful does not always mean you get a reward. They gradually start to help out independently.

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Year One develop more positive things to do and say to show Courtesy. For example, saying 'Good Morning,' carrying things to help and holding the door open for someone else. Year One understands that Courtesy always needs to be shown and it's not just something you do during HMHB lessons.

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Children in Reception understand that to show Courtesy, you should: say please, say thank you and smile. Children link the Value of Courtesy to being friendly. Children know that when they show Courtesy, good things can happen i.e. house points, stickers and moving up the zone board.