Activity – Write a poem about tolerance

This activity is a great way to get your pupils to consider the topic of tolerance in more detail. Exploring what is means, how they can stand-up to intolerance and what the effects of intolerance are on others.

**Time**

5 minutes – introduce the activity

20 minutes – complete activity

5 minutes – summary discussion

**Materials**

Pen and Paper / Exercise Books

**Instructions**

Write a poem about a difference between people (e.g Religion, Gender, Height, Age, Nationality…), an example of the intolerance that may occur and why tolerance is important. You can introduce characters and a storyline if you have time.

You can follow the below structure if you wish:

Line 1: Write about the difference that you have identified

Line 2: Write an example of a negative phrase someone would say about the difference

Line 3: Describe the feeling the individual would feel after hearing the negative phrase

Line 4: Outline how you could support the individual in this situation

Line 5: Explain why respect in this situation is important

Line 6: Explain why tolerance in this situation is important

Line 7: Describe a positive statement that could have been used instead

Line 8: The feeling that individual would feel after a positive statement