Assembly Script

This assembly script acts as a guide to delivering an assembly about celebrating our differences and teaches pupils about tolerance.

This assembly resource has a focus on intolerance and is designed to help you talk to your pupils about how we should celebrate our differences.

There is a PowerPoint that compliments the assembly script, please do adapt this script and the PowerPoint to best suit your pupils and your school.

**Slide 1**

Welcome! Today we’re going to learn about tolerance and why it is such an important quality for everyone.

**Slide 2**

Think about your journey to school this morning. Hands up if you saw someone that was different to you. *(Prompt your pupils to think about the ways we are all different: Nationality, Religion, Age, Gender, Height, Occupation…)*

**Slide 3**

It is human nature to feel comfortable with what is familiar to us.

But sometimes, people perceive differences between people and things as threatening, and can act negatively towards individuals or groups as a result of those differences. This is wrong and in some cases can be illegal.

**Slide 4**

Intolerance happens frequently, there are lots of examples in the news about intolerance and discrimination against people because of their lifestyle, religion and sexuality.

*If you are using the presentation talk through each of the stories in the pictures.*

**Slide 5**

Hands up! Thinking about what we have spoken about so far - what does tolerance mean to you?

**Slide 6**

These are all great answers! To summarise, tolerance is a willingness to accept other people’s beliefs and behaviours even if you don’t agree with them or approve of them.

**Slide 7**

Often when people think about ways they need to be more tolerant lots of negative thoughts creep in like ‘It takes too much effort’ or ‘I like the way I am!’…

These are natural, but you shouldn’t listen to them. No matter how much we think we know, or how old we are, there is always room in our lives to change and grow.

**Slide 8**

And, if we close our minds and reject people and things that are new or different, we can miss out on some amazing opportunities!

**Slide 9**

So, why should we be more tolerant?

Speaking to different people and trying new experiences means you might learn something new!

By getting to know people that are different you will understand a new way to communicate to others, and will learn to express your ideas better.

Most importantly, you will become a good example for others to follow.

**Slide 10**
Consider this example…

A new student has started at school and their name is really different from what pupils in the class are used to.

They receive a lot of negative comments that make them feel alone, upset and feeling that they are not part of the school community.

Thinking about what we have learned so far about tolerance…

* Why do the kids say that?
* Were they being tolerant?
* What would be a more open-minded reaction?

*Ask your pupils to contribute answers to these questions*

**Slide 11**

We will all try and be more tolerant, but sometimes we will witness incidents where people aren’t being very tolerant. There are always things you can do to help that situation…

Firstly, we should remind the person about tolerance, and how our words and actions may affect others. Sometimes this is enough for them to realise their actions may not be positive for others.

If someone has really upset you then you should always speak-up to a friend, a teacher or tootoot. And, if it happens online you can screenshot the evidence and send it to tootoot too.

Finally, if you witness something happen you should always support the person affected if you feel comfortable to do so. This is really important so that the affected person doesn’t feel alone.

**Slide 12**

We’ve talked a lot about tootoot during this assembly, can any tell me what tootoot it?

*Take answers from the audience*

Those answers are all great! Tootoot is here for you to use to talk about anything that is making you feel unhappy or unsafe, no matter how big or small. It might be something related to our assembly today, or it might be something different such as a worry at home or bullying.

**Slide 13 & 14**

*Talk through how pupils can:*

*-Get their logins*

*-Send a message*

*-Receive a reply*

**Slide 15**

Let’s all take a moment to think about how we can be more open-minded and tolerant this week.

**Slide 16**

Thank you all for listening, any questions?