THE POWER OF WORDS



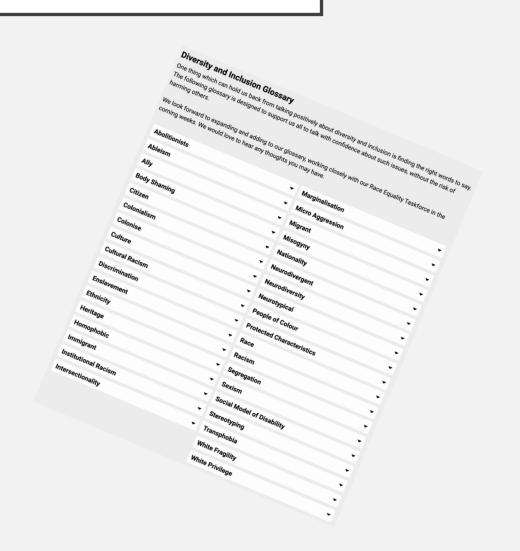
Diversity and Inclusion Taskforce

THE WORDS WE USE MATTER.

The words we say can be hurtful to others and can affect their day. Matteo

Always check in your mind to think: "If that was said to me, how would I feel?" NOT

If you have any questions about language, please come and find one of our members. Or, you can check our **glossary!** sully



EXAMPLES OF POTENTIALLY HARMFUL LANGUAGE

- Homophobia
- Racism
- Body Shaming
- Unkindness or misunderstanding towards Neurodivergent people
- Gender stereotypes

RACISM

Racism

A system of unfair treatment based on the false belief that some racial or ethnic groups are better for worse than others.



Racism is against the law and completely unacceptable. Any hateful behaviour is taken extremely seriously.

Racism can occur even if we are not talking about a specific person. Using racist language or expressing racist views is equally illegal.

Even using language carelessly can cause real harm and is unacceptable.

We must only use language that we know to be safe.

HOMOPHOBIA

Homophobic

Discriminatory attitudes or behaviours towards individuals who are attracted to others of the same gender.



Sometimes, words can be deliberately or unintentionally harmful towards people from the LGBTQ+ community.

Everyone who is gay, lesbian, transgender, gender questioning or otherwise identifying as a part of the LGBTQ+ community deserves to feel proud of who they are and who their family is.

It is illegal to use words which shame or harm people because of who they are. It is illegal to act in a homophobic way towards others.

Using the word 'gay' as a derogatory term is absolutely unacceptable. Even if we are 'joking' with friends.

BODY SHAMING

Body Shaming

The act of mocking, criticizing, or making hurtful comments about someone's physical appearance, often relating to body size, shape, or weight, which can negatively affect their self-esteem and mental health.



Using language which causes someone to worry about their body causes lasting harm.

Tragically, this can lead to people developing eating disorders, becoming extremely ill and, sometimes, losing their lives.

Everyone has the right to be proud of who they are and how they are different.

Causing shame is unacceptable and must be reported to staff.

NEURODIVERGENCE

Neurodiversity

The diversity of brains and neurotypes.



Everyone has the right to be proud of how they are different.

If you are autistic, have ADHD or are neurodivergent in another way, the understanding of people around you is important.

This might include giving people space when they need it and using inclusive language.

If someone is acting differently to how you might expect, you must still show respect and friendship.

BEING AN ALLY



Stepping alongside people who have been harmed so they do not feel alone.

Being an ally does not mean being violent or angry.

It means making a stand where someone else is not feeling able to.

Everyone has the right to free speech as long as it is not potentially harmful to others.

If you know that prejudice or hateful speech has occurred, you must speak with a grownup straight away.

POSSIBLE LOGOS





