

Making New Friends

Lesson plan

Aim

To encourage young people to get online and research who will be going to their secondary school, encourage online interactions and making “virtual” friends in preparation for going into secondary school.

To make young people aware that their behaviour can influence people’s attitudes towards them.

To participate in organising a joint enterprise event.

DYW – CES: ‘I Can’ Statements	CMS Theme Exposure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ ‘I Can’ discuss the relevance of skills to the wider world and make connections between skills and the world of work ★ ‘I Can’ identify people in my network who help me broaden my horizons ★ ‘I Can’ identify different types of enterprise opportunities and engage in them ★ ‘I Can’ explain to others my ambitions/what I would like to do and look for ways to achieve them/that 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Self ★ Horizons ★ Networks

Learning Outcomes

Young people will understand:

- how to form new friendships and retain old ones in preparation for transition to secondary school.

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Development of Activity

Introduction

Young people will have the chance to make friends in advance of transitioning into secondary school online. This means that they will already know people before going, helping to minimise any first-day nerves. The teacher is required to set up an online group of cluster-primaries on GLOW that will allow young people to interact safely with each other before meeting at secondary school.

Instructions for the young person

You can use these instructions for your young people to explain the activity.

A work-around has been included for those who can't print the worksheet. You can give this option to young people at the time and in the way you think best.

Before you start

- ★ Ask an adult if you can use a computer/tablet/smart phone
- ★ You can use GLOW to look up people who will be going to the same secondary school as you
- ★ Your teacher will have set up a group of pupils from other primary schools also going to your new secondary school

Discussions with new friends

- ★ You could discuss how you feel about going to secondary school
- ★ You could share what you already know about your new school
 - For example; how you will get there, what time is lunch?
- ★ If you have older brothers, sisters, cousins or friends already at high school
- ★ To stay in touch with your new “virtual” friends you could become pen-pals, e-mail each other, video conference call them

Follow-up

The young person could write a short diary entry about the new friends they've made, what they've learned and how they feel about going into secondary school now using the “Making New Friends diary” template.