

INVITATION

Witness restorative approaches in action!

St Edmund's Community Foundation School, King's Lynn has been nationally and internationally recognised as a model of good practice in how restorative approaches can be used within school with fantastic results!

St Edmund's is a Nursery and Primary school that serves the North Lynn estate. Historically the school has faced many challenges and has been identified as a DCSF (Department for Children Schools and Families) 'hard to shift' school. Historically, standards at St Edmund's have been low with attainment well below national averages.

As a staff we feel passionate about children and making sure that their primary education is of high quality. Many of our children come into school with limited basic skills – their vocabulary, social skills and experiences are often very underdeveloped. Our children find engaging in learning and communicating with others difficult and find it very hard to take ownership or responsibility for their own behaviour.

Within the first month of implementing training in restorative practices in April 2010, St Edmund's experienced:

1. Increased emotional literacy and ability to express feelings
2. Increased ownership for behaviour and maturity
3. Better attitudes to learning and calmness in class
4. Greater cohesion in class and amongst the staff
5. No fixed term exclusions
6. Solution focussed approach from both children and staff

St Edmund's would like to invite people to visit the school. During the visit you will have the opportunity to:

1. Join in a staff circle
2. Join circles in classes (choice given) and see how the feeling circles are done
3. Join learning circles
4. Talk to children about what they do, how they feel about it, how they use the conference cards and the difference it has made to them.
5. Talk to someone from the Senior Management Team about the wider impact on learning, behaviour and perceptions of the school.

Places are on a first come, first served basis. There are 5 places on each of the following dates:

Thursday June 2nd 2011
Thursday July 7th 2011
Thursday September 8th 2011
Thursday October 6th 2011
Thursday November 3rd 2011
Thursday December 1st 2011
Thursday January 5th 2012

Thursday February 2nd 2012
Thursday March 1st 2012
Thursday April 5th 2012
Thursday May 3rd 2012
Thursday June 7th 2012
Thursday July 5th 2012

Places are £50 per head. To book a place, please contact:

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