

Being Different



Reader Notes:

These stories have been designed to help students learn about school so they know what to expect and can learn positive ways to respond to new situations. As a teacher, parent or carer you can help a student by reading through the stories. You could point out how the student's school experience is different and similar to that in the story and come up with other positive ways to respond. We hope these stories can make students feel more confident, safe and accepted at school.

At school, there are lots of students.

Some students might look the same.

They might wear similar clothes.

They might talk the same way.

They might have friends who are just like them.

But some of us are a little bit....

Different!



Some students are **super** energetic and are always moving around.

Some students have **huge** imaginations and daydream all the time.

Some students are into different things.



Some students talk differently.

Some students think a bit differently.



Some students see differently.

Some students hear differently.

Some students have lots of different friends.



It can be hard sometimes when you feel you are different to others. Students might notice and think you don't fit in with everyone else. They might tease you or exclude you which can make you feel sad and alone.

But....

Being different means you can be your true self rather than trying to act like everyone else. It's important to do things because you enjoy doing them, not because others do.



Your friends will like you for who you really are.

Being different means you might have your own creative ways of doing things. You can bring new solutions to the world!

Remember, if everyone was the same, the world would be really boring!



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