

Diversity is Richness

What is peace in schools? Peace in schools can mean different things to different people. Peace in schools can mean that everyone can express themselves without fear of being judged or bullied. Everyone feels safe at school and everyone's personal space is respected.

All of us have certainly experienced being different and not fitting in at some point. Everyone has the right to be themselves and each of us is valuable the way they are. Together we are like a meadow of flowers. We all bloom in our own way. We are different colours, different shapes, different sizes, all unique and beautiful. Let each flower bloom the way it is. Diversity is richness! No child, young person or adult should experience discrimination or bullying because they are different. Everyone has the right to be themselves.

Bullying on social media is also bullying. Don't post anything you wouldn't want someone else posting about you. Online humiliation can be even worse than face-to-face humiliation because the content can be seen by hundreds of thousands of people. A good rule of thumb is "treat others as you would like to be treated."

The world would be black and white, boring and dull if we all had to fit into the same mould. Diversity is not a barrier but an opportunity. Together we can support and encourage everyone to be individuals. Dare to dream and dare to be yourself!

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