

Restorative Conflict Resolution

In your groups please engage in one of the following scenarios. Using the general conflict script, see if you can negotiate your way through these conflicts with the students:

For beginners!

1. Joan took Ben's hat, ran away and threw it in the bin and laughed at him. Ben threw a cricket bat at Joan and hit her in leg.
2. June is playing chasey in a mixed group of boys and girls. As the game goes on the group gets rougher and rougher in the way they are tagging each other. It's all fun and games until June roughly grabs Tom by the wrist and hurts him. Tom tells the teacher.

Getting harder!

3. Sarah feels that Jade is taking her friends away. Jade is telling her friends not to play with Sarah because she heard that Sarah had been spreading rumours about her. Sarah comes to school with a note from her dad asking (rather impolitely) if the problem can be sorted out.
4. Two groups are playing four square on adjacent courts. It has been a running joke between the groups that if one group's ball goes into the other group's court, the other group will throw the ball away. A few new boys join the game (unaware of the running joke). When their ball goes on to the other court and is thrown away they see red and start to loudly harass the boys in the other group. The teacher hears the harassment and walks over to the boys.

For the brave!

5. Jane told Belinda that she would not be her friend because she lied to her. Belinda believes she never told Jane a lie and confides in her friend Jenny. Jenny, thinking that Jane's behaviour has been very unjust, confronts Jane and tells her to leave Belinda alone or else! Jane, perceiving a threat, gets Lisa on side. Lisa, thinking that Jenny wants to start a fight with the Belinda passes a threatening note to Jenny telling her to back off or else! As the teacher, you hear there is going to be a fight at recess between all of the girls.