**Getting Along**

**Definition**

People who **Get Along** work and play together thoughtfully and cooperatively. They are friendly, tell the truth and care about others. People who **Get Along** want to make their community clean and safe. They are able to fix problems without arguing and fighting.

**What People Who Are Getting Along Look Like:**

* They share and take turns.
* They ask nicely to work or play with others.
* They listen to others when they talk.
* They ask for help when they need it.
* They do what their parents/carers ask them to do.
* They make an effort to care for others who are upset.
* They help others with their work.
* They include other people in activities that they are doing.
* They use manners and tell the truth.
* They care about the feelings of others.
* They deal with problems in a caring, considerate way.

**What To Say To Encourage Getting Along Behaviour:**

* You are a good listener.
* You are a helpful person.
* Sharing helps you be a good friend/brother/sister.
* You really work well with others, it must feel good.
* Solving problems without fighting shows you are really getting along.
* You think before you act, that is a wonderful skill.
* I love the way you think about other people’s feelings.

**What To Do To Help With Getting Along**

***BE TOLLERANT OF OTHERS*** – Encourage children to be accepting of people who are “different”. Everyone is different, that is what makes us all special.

***THINK FIRST*** – Discuss with children the possible ways they can react to a situation that upsets them and the consequences of each action so in future they can act in a way that helps everyone.

***PLAY BY THE RULES*** – Encourage the following of important community, school and home rules. They are there to keep everyone safe, healthy and happy.