



Hillcross Primary School

Parent Information on

Guy Claxton's

Habits of Mind (HOMs)

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At Hillcross we have high expectations on the behaviours we see in the classrooms and around the school. We know that if children are happy and confident then they will learn and develop. At Hillcross by rewarding these positive behaviour choices it promotes behaviours that have a positive impact on teaching and learning. At Hillcross, positive behaviour choices are rewarded with a HOMs token. These tokens relate to one of Guy Claxton's Habits Of Mind.

These learning behaviours are key to developing life long independent and well rounded learners.

Talk within a common language

Each year the Hillcross community chooses six HOMs to focus on for the new school year. These enable us to develop a common language of expected behaviour across the school. This helps to:

- Extend thinking through the questions we ask of our children
- Consider making the connections related to the behaviours we display
- Ensure children understand how to develop their behaviour
- Make thinking a common language at home and at school
- Ensure the children understand the behaviours expected
- Reward positive behaviour choices and develop confidence.

How Do Children Manage Their Own Thinking?

- Through good role modelling
- Through being taught to think about thinking
- By making positive or negative connections in our thinking and learning
- Through being taught about thinking and becoming emotionally intelligent

Sixteen Habits of Mind

There are Sixteen HOMS to choose from each year. These are:

1. Use all your senses
2. Flexibility
3. Manage Impulsivity
4. Check for accuracy and precision
5. Listen with empathy and understanding
6. Respond with awe and wonder!
7. Take Responsible risks
8. Perseverance
9. Ask questions and pose problems
10. Apply past knowledge
11. Think and Communicate clearly
12. Be creative and innovative
13. Remain open to continuous learning
14. Find Humour
15. Think about your thinking
16. Think Interdependently

How are HOMs Rewarded?

Every adult in the school is responsible for awarding HOMs. They can be given out at any point in the day; during lessons, playtimes, lunchtimes and assemblies.

The children then mark their tokens onto their award chart. They are then awarded:

- 10 tokens one habit : a badge (6 to collected across the year)
- 10 tokens in all 6 Habit : a postcard to be sent home
- 20 tokens in one habit: a certificate (6 to be collected across the year)
- 20 tokens in all 6 habits: a celebration with the Headteacher
- 30 tokens in one habit: a wrist band
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