

Staff meeting activity

Here is a ten minute activity you could deliver during a staff meeting. This activity would be most effectively delivered either just before the new year begins or during a training day before the children return from their holidays in September.

Requirements

You will need the following materials:

- Copies of the 3 simple ideas
- Flipchart paper, or a large whiteboard.
- Marker pens.
- Post-it notes.
- Pens.
- A computer with an internet connection and an interactive whiteboard or projector (optional)

The activity

Explain that your staff meeting behaviour focus will be looking at the things a teacher does within the first sixty minutes of meeting a new class that affects their students' perception of their behaviour management. In colloquial terms, practical actions that indicate whether their classroom management is weak or strong.

Divide your flipchart or whiteboard into two halves. At the top of one half, write the title effective. On the other half, write the title ineffective.

Get the staff to call out suggestions actions and strategies that belong on both sides of the board, how they affect pupil perception of a teacher's expectations, and how this could impact on pupil progress.

Give out a set of Post-it notes and some pens. Ask your staff to write three key ways they can give the right impression of their behaviour management to their new students when they arrive back at school in September. Ask them to star the one they think is most important.

Ask staff to share the item they starred at the end of the task, and to explain briefly why they made that choice.