



Being Me in My World

Scenario Cards - Ages 10-11 - Piece 5

The Police Officer

You are the Police Officer that interviewed the two children involved in the fire. As a Police Officer it is your job in the meeting to make sure that the children are treated fairly but also that the Law is carried out.

When your teacher asks you, share what the children said with the rest of your group. This is what the children said to you:

“We didn’t want to go along with it. Our gang of friends started to make fun of us because we were scared about setting the bin on fire. They made us go and buy some matches. One of the older teenagers set fire to the bin. It wasn’t us. We can’t say who the others were in the group. If we do they will take it out on us.”

The Fire Service

You are a member of the Fire Service that helped put out the fire. You are at the meeting to share the story from your point of view. When your teacher asks you, share your ‘report’ below with the rest of the group.

“My team was called out at 10.30pm to attend the fire. It took us 2 hours to control the fire. Fires like this are not accidents. I’m sure the children involved thought that setting fire to bin was a funny thing to do, but they did not think about the possible consequences of their actions. This fire was unnecessary and put my team in danger and took us away from going to fires that were real emergencies in other parts of town.”

The Head Teacher

You are the school’s Headteacher. You are at the meeting to help decide what is to happen to the two children from your school involved in the fire. When your teacher asks you, share your ‘report’ with the rest of your group.

“I was shocked to see so much damage to the school hall and the infant classroom. I am very sad that it is two of our own pupils that were involved. It is going to take months to sort out the damage and a huge amount of money too. This is going to affect all the children because we relied on the hall for the children’s PE and music lessons, school dinners and assemblies. All the children have been working so hard on a performance and the fire destroyed all the scenery, costumes and props. We have had to cancel the performance. The children and staff are very upset about the whole thing.”



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Parent 1

You are the parent of one of the children involved. You are at the meeting to discuss your child and their actions. When your teacher asks you, share what it says below with the rest of your group.

"I am shocked by my child. I have not been happy about the people in my child's friendship group. Some seem a lot older and I think my child was pushed into being involved. My child has never been in trouble before and didn't set the bin on fire, it was one of the older children. I don't think it would be fair to punish my child if it wasn't their fault."

Parent 2

You are the parent of one of the children involved. You are at the meeting to discuss your child and their actions. When your teacher asks you, share what it says below with the rest of your group.

"My child was out with friends yesterday evening and came home very late. I was cross and sent them to bed. I also think that if my child was made to go and buy matches by the older children and didn't set fire to the bin then they should not be punished. My child has said they were being bullied but I don't know by who. I have tried to find out but they won't tell me."

The children's teacher

You are the children's class teacher. You are at the meeting to explain what you know about the children and their behaviour in school. When your teacher asks you, share what it says below with the rest of your group.

"I am so upset by the children's actions. Just lately I have noticed they seem both seemed tired in school. I asked if they have been staying up late, but they said no. I mentioned this to the Headteacher because I was worried. In class they get on with their work and are mostly well behaved. One of the children said they were being bullied but not by other children in the school. I spoke to the child's parents about it and they said they were going to try and sort the problem out."



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The Caretaker/ Site manager

You are the site manager of the school. You are at the meeting to give a report on the damage to the school. When your teacher asks you, share what it says below with the rest of your group.

“The damage to hall and the classroom is bad. It’s going to take me months to clean up the mess. There is also a lot of cleaning to be done in the whole school because the smoke and soot from the fire has made more dust than we usually get. I think the two children should be made to help me clean up the mess they have made.”

Teacher

You are another teacher in the school. You are at the meeting to explain what you know about the children involved. When your teacher asks you, share what it says below with the rest of your group.

“The children have always been very polite in school. It seems very out of character for these children to do something so horrible. I can’t believe they would have done this deliberately.”

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