

Help With Bullying



Reach Out Activities to show you care



Welcome to Kidscape

Kidscape is a bullying prevention charity founded in 1985. Each year we work with thousands of children and young people to challenge bullying and protect young lives.

The good news is that we can challenge bullying behaviour through creating inclusive, kind and empathetic communities where children feel safe and supported.

Reach Out!

Sometimes life gets busy. It's difficult to be in constant contact with everyone that's important to us. But reaching out to others can feel fantastic, and make others feel fantastic too.

Whether you want to reach out to someone you see every week, or someone you haven't heard from in a while, we hope you'll find lots of inspiration in this pack.

Here's to showing people just how much they mean to us.

It doesn't matter HOW you reach out - it's just great that you DO reach out!

Need some inspiration?

It is important for all of us to have friends; people who care about us and make us smile. Here are some ideas for how you can reach out and show a friend or family member that you care.

Give them a gift

A great way to show that we care about someone is to give them a gift. It doesn't have to be flashy or expensive – just something that shows that our friend is important to us and that they are in our thoughts. Check out Kidscape's website for ideas such as growing a Friendship Flower for someone, or colouring in a bookmark that celebrates their uniqueness!

Do something together

Know a friend who loves action movies? Or maybe rom coms? Why not offer to go to see the latest cinema release with them, or have a movie night at your house.

You could also offer to take them out for a coffee or for breakfast. Or simply take a walk together – it's free and you'll get a healthy dose of fresh air!

Offer to help them out with something

If two people take on a task together, it takes half the time to get it done! Offer to help your friend or family member with their chores or shopping, or perhaps you have a friend who needs help with their homework. They will be very grateful for the helping hand.

Spend time together

Sometimes the best thing you can do for a friend or loved one is to simply spend time with them. You don't need to have an activity planned - just spend time together and chat. This can be especially helpful if your friend seems sad or upset. Giving them space to talk might help them open up about how they are feeling.

"A friend is one of the best things you can have, and one of the best things you can be."

Winnie the Pooh

What if you haven't spoken in a while?



We all have old friends and family members we haven't spoken to in a while. Life is busy, and sometimes we lose touch with people or don't get to speak to them as often as we'd like.

If that has happened to you and someone you care about, why not reach out and let them know you're thinking of them? Here are some ideas to help you reconnect.

Send them an e-card

will surprise them in their inbox! For a small donation to Kidscape, you can send one of our fun e-cards via this link

Share a story they'd love

Take a look at The Happy
Newspaper (website <u>here</u>) and
share a story with them that you
think will make them smile!

Send them a voice note or a video

A written message is great, but seeing you're smiling face or hearing your voice is bound to brighten the recipient's day!

Write them a poem

This might sound daunting, but it doesn't need to be long or sophisticated! If you want to show your emotions then go ahead, but you could also write them a funny limerick (Words for Life shows you how here) or a even a Japanese haiku! Learn more about writing haikus here.

Just say hi!

Don't overthink it! Just sending a message saying "hi! How are you? I haven't spoken to you in so long!" lets the other person know that they still matter to you and you still think about them. It will surprise them and make their day a little happier!









Resources

Kidscape has tons of resources available on our website for you to download. Here are a selection to help you Reach Out and learn more about the importance of friendship and positive relationships.

Kidscape Guide to Friendship

Our guide was written to help children and young people understand friendships. Everyone deserves to find good friends who give you love and respect, and we can all learn to be better friends to others. Download the guide <u>here</u>

Friendship bracelets

Make a friendship bracelet for a friend or family member, and a matching one for yourself! We have a step-by-step guide for how to make them <u>here</u>

Seahorse bookmark

Did you know that every seahorse is unique and different? Just like each of us! Why not show your friend that you care about them by giving them one of our special bookmarks, illustrated by artist Laura Brown? You can download yours <u>here</u>

Kindness tree

Our Kindness Tree helps you spot acts of kindness and friendship, either from yourself or from others, or any moments that make you smile. Learn more about it <u>here</u>

If you, or someone you care about, is going through a tough time with friends or friendships, you can buy Kidscape's new book "Help with Bullying and Relationships: A Kidscape guide for children and teenagers" from Amazon. It's full of tips and encouraging advice, and all proceeds after fees go to Kidscape. find out more here

Make a donation to Kidscape

We really hope you've enjoyed our Reach Out activity pack and that you now have loads of ideas to help reach out to the people you care about!

We would be incredibly grateful if you would consider making a donation to help Kidscape continue to deliver vital support to children, families, schools and community groups, challenging bullying in all its forms and protecting young lives.

Together, we can offer hope and help to children, and help keep them safe from bullying and harm.

Any size contribution is very welcome. Here's an example of what your donations can help us do...

£1 could help us distribute leaflets and guides to families experiencing bullying £5 could help us answer a phone call from a parent or carer who needs our help on our Parent Advice Line

£10 could pay for a child to attend a ZAP in Schools workshop

Please visit <u>donate.kidscape.org.uk/</u> or scan the QR code to make a donation

THANK YOU!





Keep in touch

You can find more information about Kidscape on our website and through our social media channels.



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About Kidscape

Kidscape is a bullying prevention charity (registered number 326864) founded in 1985.

Our work includes online advice and resources, a parent advice line, and face-to-face workshops for children and families that build awareness and resilience, delivered both in schools and the community.

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