

*The Thames Valley Partnership trading as*



## RESTORATIVE JUSTICE RESPONDERS IN SCHOOLS

- RJRIS responders will respond as soon as the school alert us to the incident via our referral form.
- A trained facilitator will make contact with both parties individually and will talk through what they feel has happened within 48 hours of the referral
- A meeting will be arranged in school with both parties. The facilitator will conduct the meeting using a restorative justice model.
- Both parties will have the opportunity to talk about how they feel and how they have been affected.
- The outcome will depend on what they want but a positive outcome and an ability to move forward will help prevent further incidents and other young people becoming involved.

This process will aim to achieve the following:

- ✓ Children will avoid unnecessarily entering the Criminal Justice System.
- ✓ Police will not spend time dealing with incidents that can be better resolved through RJ.
- ✓ Incidents will not escalate and draw in other children
- ✓ Children will not use social media to gain support and following (taking sides) and therefore will avoid the situation on getting out of control.
- ✓ A better outcome for school – less animosity and more harmony.

Please feel free to email one of the team to find out more

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