



## Emotional Literacy

Emotional Literacy is being able to **recognise and name our emotions**. If we can label our emotions, then we can start to understand the why and begin to problem solve to work through what it is that we're going through.

It is important to know that it is okay to feel all the emotions! **The key is to understand these and be able to use strategies to manage our emotions effectively.** Below is an example of a mood scale; this is a handy visual to use with children but can also be a handy tool to use for adults! Throughout the day we will move up and down the mood scale as we feel different emotions.



### REFLECTING ON EMOTIONS

- Have a think about times when you have felt like you were at the top end of the mood scale, in the orange or red.
- What were the triggers that made you feel like this?
- Think about the emotions you were feeling, it could have been anger, extreme sadness, furiousness, high anxiety, etc.

### MOOD CHANGERS

- Now think about how you were able to bring yourself back down on the mood scale.
- Do you already have strategies in place, or could you build up your 'mood changer' toolbox?
- Some examples of mood changes could be:

DEEP BREATHS

PLAYING WITH YOUR PET

PLAYING MUSIC

A HUG FROM YOUR CHILDREN

MINDFULNESS

A WALK

Click here or scan the QR code to download a catastrophe scale template that you could print and use as a family.



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