

Beyond the School Gate

Because belonging doesn't stop at 3 p.m.

School is only one place where children build confidence, relationships, and belonging.

Sometimes the places beyond school become just as important.



Sometimes belonging grows through...

- ☐ Shared interests
- ☐ Familiar faces
- ☐ Predictable routines
- ☐ Feeling understood
- ☐ Being accepted as you are

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Belonging grows in many places.
It can be big or small, planned or unexpected.
What matters most is that your child feels safe,
accepted, and like they matter.

Where does my child already feel they belong?

Tick any that feel true right now.

☐ Family	☐ One trusted friend	☐ Sport	☐ Clubs or activities
☐ Community group	☐ Creative interests	☐ Faith / Culture	☐ Somewhere else

If "Somewhere else", where? _____

What helps that belonging grow?

Think about what makes these places feel safe and welcoming for your child.

01 Familiar faces who notice and include them	02 Shared interests or passions	03 Predictable routines and timing	04 Low-pressure opportunities to participate	05 Adults who understand and support them
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One small way I can support belonging beyond school

A small step can open the door to big connections.

What is one opportunity we could explore this term?	Who could help make this happen?	What would make this feel safe for my child?

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Small opportunities can help your child build confidence, connection, and a sense of belonging beyond school.

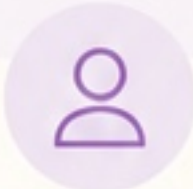
Use this page to plan one small next step this term.

One Small Next Step

What is one opportunity we could explore this term to help my child build belonging beyond school?

The opportunity:

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Who could help?

Who might support or be involved?



What would make it feel safe to try?

What will help my child feel comfortable and supported?



When could we try it?

What is a realistic time to begin?

A little reflection for me

Where does my child seem most like themselves outside school?

Where do they seem most relaxed or connected?

What is one connection I want to protect or build this term?



Belonging grows in many places, through small moments, familiar faces, and safe spaces.

Every connection makes a difference.

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