# What is resilience?

Resilience is the ability to bounce back from adversity. It is a necessary skill for coping with life's inevitable obstacles and one of the key ingredients for success. When we apply resilience through a positive lens, we learn not only to bounce back, but how to bounce forward.

# Fall down 7 times, get up 8 A Japanese Proverb

Can you explain what it means in relation to resilience?

## Scenarios that can test your resilience:

- At lunchtime someone pushes in front of you in the lunch queue.
- Someone next to you in class, is constantly tapping their pen.
- The person you talking to about something has a different opinion from you.
- You are online and notice a friend has blocked you.

# What might your responses be?

#### 4 steps to success:

- 1. Stop think delay your response
- 2. Breathe!
- 3 responses don't say anything till you have thought of three responses
- 4. Respond

### How can you develop your resilience?

**Be more optimistic** – self-talk yourself in your head to think more positively. **Flexible thinking** – come up with a variety of reasons for being successful at something.

**Be empathic** – recognise the feelings of others and respond accordingly. Remember others might be having a tough time.

**Develop your self-efficacy** – reflect on where you are now and use that as a point to create further success.

# **Believe in yourself!**

#### To show resilience, you can: Key words: • Handle challenges Comfortable Optimistic Persevere to reach a goal Accepted Inadequate Face difficulties head on Betrayed **Exhilarated** Don't be a victim • Remorseful Curious Think – failure isn't final • Refreshed Logical Have a fighter mentality • **Ecstatic** Creative Stay cool under pressure

Remember noticing/paying attention/managing distractions/keeping going