

Challenging stereotypes: Recommended reading and resources



[Gender Equality in Primary Schools. A Guide for Teachers](#)

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This is a new handbook for implementing a gender equality approach in all areas of primary school life. Full of lesson plans, case studies and action points, it presents the latest theory in a clear, accessible way. A perfect guide for teachers and other staff to create a nurturing environment that fully recognises gender equality.

[Breaking the Mould: challenging gender stereotypes](#)

The NUT worked for two years with five primary schools to consider how 'traditional' gender stereotypes could be challenged in nursery and primary classrooms. We have published a series of resources, which are available here.



The Appendices mentioned throughout, and listed at the end of, this booklet are available [here](#). They include materials used by the schools including lesson plans, worksheets and drawings by the children.

[Trans Inclusion Schools Toolkit: Supporting Trans, non-binary, and gender questioning children and young people in Brighton and Hove Educational Settings.](#)

Gender stereotypes are old fashioned and create unnecessary barriers. Tackling out dated language and assumptions about behaviour based on gender is beneficial for all children.

The toolkit is part of wide programme of equality work in schools in Brighton and Hove. The council works in partnership with schools, charities and community groups to prevent and respond to all forms of bullying and discrimination. The aim is to support schools to create safe learning environments.

No more boys and girls: Can our kids go gender free?

Is the way we treat boys and girls the real reason we haven't achieved equality between men and women? Dr Javid Abdelmoneim aims to find out by taking over a primary school class.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09202jz>

School Case studies to challenge stereotypes

Using lunchboxes to challenge gender stereotypes

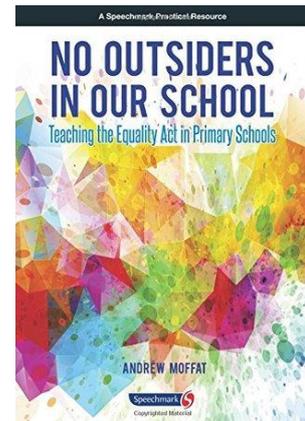
<http://toolkit.risc.org.uk/casestudy/whose-lunch-box-primary-school-case-study/>

Who will have which job and why?

<http://toolkit.risc.org.uk/collection/who-will-have-which-job-and-why/>

No Outsiders in Our School: Teaching the Equality Act in Primary Schools. Andrew Moffat

This resource provides teachers with a curriculum that promotes equality for all sections of the community. But more than that, the resource aims to bring children and parents on board from the start so that children leave primary school happy and excited about living in a community full of difference and diversity, whether that difference is through ethnicity, gender, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, age or religion. The resource includes 5 lesson plans for every primary school year group (EYFS-Y6) based upon a selection of 35 picture books.



'Gender Stereotypes Won't Hold Us Back' poster set for primary schools.

Teachers and other school staff can use them in lessons or as part of displays, supporting your important work on tackling gender stereotypes. There is even a handy glossary to help children with some of the words that might be new to them.