

**Come and See**

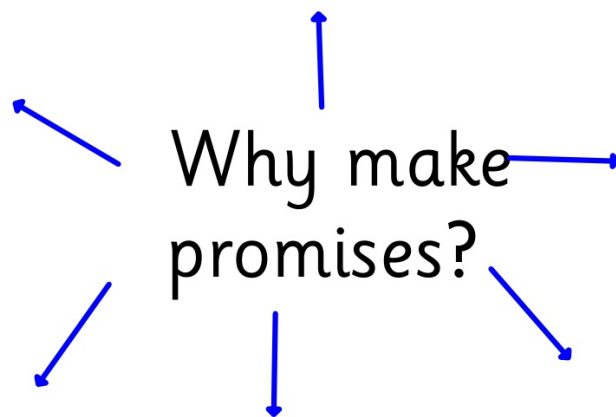
Baptism/Confirmation - Belonging

**Promises**

Date:

*Monday 12th October*

Explore Focus: Big Question.



Date:

Wednesday

Explore focus: Recognise that belonging to a group involves promises and rules.

My name is Paul. When I first joined the karate club, my teacher, who is called Sensei (pronounced 'sensay'), told me you should count in Japanese. One to ten in Japanese sounds like this:

1 **ichy**

2 **knee**

3 **san**

4 **she**

5 **go**

6 **roku**

7 **sichy**

8 **hatchy**

9 **coo**

10 **joo**



He also gives orders in Japanese. Start is 'ashermay' and line up is 's h o y o' i had to learn about 'catters'. There are punches, kicks and blocks. Sensei says, "the most important thing is to promise to do as you are told. And never do karate in the playground."

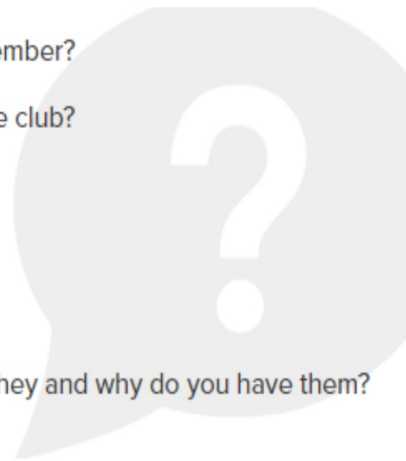
The belts are white, yellow, orange, red, green, blue, purple, brown, grey and black. You bow when sensei says "Ray".

Kicks are good leg techniques, and they exercise your legs, too. Punches are hand techniques and are very powerful. Blocks are really important in karate. I've got to decide soon whether I'm going to keep coming. It's very strict here and it's hard work,

But I think I'll carry on. I'm a lot stronger already.

## Discuss these questions:

- ? What was the most important rule Paul had to remember?
- ? Do you think Paul continued to belong to the karate club?
- ? What did he find the hardest?
- ? What groups/clubs do you belong to?
- ? What is good about being in a group/clubs?
- ? Does your group/clubs have rules? If so, what are they and why do you have them?



Around the Code of Conduct, write the promises we make in order to keep to it.

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**Code of Conduct**

“...that they may have life and  
have it to the full”

- Be safe and sensible
- Use good manners
- Be friendly and co-operative  
with others
- Treat everyone with respect
- Try our best in everything we  
do

In groups, share experiences of groups/clubs we belong to?

What promises do you make? What are the rules you have to keep?

Is there a ceremony of enrolment or initiation? Do you have to renew promises?

Club/group	Promises/rules	Ceremony

## **Reflection**

Friday

Gather around the display and have a quiet moment to reflect on a group you belong to or would like to join.

- What is/would be good about it?
- What rules or promises are/would be difficult to keep?
- Joining a group/club means promising to do certain things in a certain way.
- What promises have you made in the groups you have joined?
- Write out one promise or rule you would like to try to keep and place it round the lighted candle.



