TEACHING POLITENESS THE ROLE OF PARENTS AND EDUCATORS.

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ANNOTATION. *Politeness is a fundamental aspect of social interaction that fosters respect, understanding, and cooperation among individuals. Teaching politeness is essential for the development of social skills in children and adolescents. Th+6is annotation explores the roles of parents and educators in instilling polite behavior and communication in young individuals. Teaching politeness is a shared responsibility between parents and educators. By modeling polite behavior, setting clear expectations, and fostering an environment that values courtesy, both parties can significantly influence children's social development. Through collaboration, they can ensure that young individuals grow into respectful and considerate members of society, equipped with the necessary skills for positive interpersonal relationships.*

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Politeness is a crucial component of effective communication and social interaction. It encompasses a range of behaviors that demonstrate respect, consideration, and kindness towards others. In a world that is increasingly interconnected and diverse, the ability to communicate politely is more important than ever. [1]This explores the vital roles that parents and educators play in teaching politeness to children and adolescents, emphasizing the importance of modeling behavior, creating supportive environments, and fostering collaboration between home and school. Politeness can be defined as the social behavior that reflects

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respect for others, often manifested through language and actions. It includes various elements such as greetings, expressions of gratitude, apologies, and the use of appropriate language in different contexts. The significance of politeness extends beyond mere etiquette; it is foundational for building and maintaining positive relationships.

Politeness serves several essential functions in society:

Facilitating Communication:	Building Relationships:	Cultural Sensitivity:	Enhancing Empathy:
Polite communication helps to reduce misunderstandings and conflicts. When individuals approach each other with respect, they are more likely to engage in productive dialogues.	Politeness fosters trust and rapport between individuals. It creates a sense of safety and comfort, encouraging open communication and collaboration.	Different cultures have varying norms regarding politeness. Understanding and adhering to these norms is crucial in multicultural settings, helping individuals navigate social interactions effectively.	Practicing politeness encourages individuals to consider the feelings and perspectives of others, promoting empathy and emotional intelligence.

Parents are often the first teachers in a child's life, shaping their values, beliefs, and behaviors. The role of parents in teaching politeness is multifaceted and includes modeling behavior, providing guidance, and reinforcing positive

interactions. Children learn by observing the behavior of adults, particularly their parents. When parents consistently demonstrate polite behavior in their interactions, children are likely to imitate these actions. [2]

- Everyday Interactions: Simple acts such as saying "please" and "thank you," greeting others, and showing appreciation can profoundly influence a child's understanding of politeness.

- Conflict Resolution: Parents can model polite behavior during conflicts by demonstrating how to express disagreements respectfully and how to apologize sincerely.

- Acknowledgment: Parents should acknowledge and praise their children when they exhibit polite behavior. This positive reinforcement encourages them to continue practicing politeness.

- Reward Systems: Implementing reward systems, such as a sticker chart for polite behaviors, can motivate children to be more mindful of their interactions.

Teaching politeness is a shared responsibility between parents and educators. By modeling polite behavior, setting clear expectations, and fostering an environment that values courtesy, both parties can significantly influence children's social development. Through collaboration, they can ensure that young individuals grow into respectful and considerate members of society, equipped with the necessary skills for positive interpersonal relationships. In a world where effective communication is essential, the role of parents and educators in teaching politeness cannot be overstated. By instilling these values in children, we contribute to the development of a more respectful and empathetic society.

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