

## **Ottery St Mary Primary School**

## **Recognising Emotions**

Children can sometimes find it difficult to label their emotion or explain how they are feeling. There are two resources here which can help. The first is a bank of 'emotion faces' which could be used with a child to help them 'check in' or could be referred to if they are struggling to articulate how they feel.

The second sheet is a blank character for children to label how a particular emotion makes them feel. Teaching children to understand their body's response to emotions can help children to identify when they are feeling dys-regulated and that they may need to take steps to find a safe place and make a SMART plan.

The blank character sheet could be used to focus on one particular emotion, or it could be used to label a range of emotions.

Another way to use the blank character could be to label 'inside emotions' and 'outside behaviours in and out of the body outline.





