Schools want to do things ‘right’ they don’t want to offend

We **shape** an **education** system that delivers **equitable** and **excellent outcomes**

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About schools feeling confident in their ability to connect and reach out in a cultural appropriate way to their school community.

Cultural awareness messages

* People coming together and expressing their love, care for each other as people.
* Shared values and connections
* No one could’ve stopped or predicted this. No blame.
* We are all individual in some way but grief is grief – we all grieve but how we would express this is different – no one right way to express grief
* Use natural inclination in your response
* Connect – by going and giving your condolences – don’t wait for people to come to you
* No set time to connect
* This has happened to all of us together – we are all in this – one community
* Acknowledging the positive response of the wider community to the Muslim community
* General calmness, acceptance, will of god.
* For those that have ‘survivors guilt’ good to remind them that it was the will of Allah (God) and they weren’t meant to be there
* Understanding that it is the actions of one person – not NZ
* NZ values that have been expressed are the true NZ
* Response feels very inclusive
* Be respectful with clothing – it’s really about your actions rather than what you are wearing
* Listening when they share their story
* It’s ok to acknowledge what happened – how we acknowledge is up to the individual
* Don’t make an assumption of how ingrained their practice is – but be aware – it’s about knowing your families. Eg/ male may not shake hands of someone of a different gender who is unrelated to them.
* Building bridges – common ground – greater understanding
* Reassure that it’s safe for children to be at school
* If prolonged absence from school – connect with the family – check in with them.
* Being inclusive bring everyone together – not just international families for example

Food – Halal – not presume they would know – put a label saying Halal when the food is served. Be aware that there is ingredients in some products eg. gelatine etc.