

Additional/alternative Script questions

Wrongdoer questions

Can you tell us what happened?

- Can you go back to the beginning and tell us how it was that.....
- If we had a video and we could replay it, what would we see happening?
- If I was a fly on the wall, what would I see you doing?

What were you thinking when you.....

- What were you hoping would happen?
- What were you wanting to happen?
- What was the purpose of doing that?
- What were you expecting would happen?
- If you did know what you were thinking, what might it be?
- What made you decide to do that?
- What was going on in your head at the time?
- What were you saying to yourself at the time?

If the answers include something about "I wanted to make her feel bad.....", your next question becomes:

- Tell us some more about that?
-So that?
- Can you tell us the reasons for that?

What have you thought about since?

- Since it happened, what have you thought about what you did?
- Now that we are all here together, what do you think now about what you did?

Who has been affected? In what way?

- What do you think it's been like for (the victim's name)?
- How do you think (victim's name) feels about coming to school/class/getting on the bus now?
- How do you think things have changed for (victim's name)?
- Who else has been affected? How?

If parents are not present (eg small group conference), you could also ask

- What have your parents said to you about what's happened?
- How do they feel about what you've done?
- How have they been affected?

- If they were here right now, what would they be saying?

Victim questions:

What did you think at the time?

- What do you think when that happens to you?
- What's it like when you are called.....?
- What's it like for you when you think about coming to this class/school/getting on the bus?

What have you thought about since?

- What sense have you made of what has been happening?

How has this affected you?

- What's it like when you think about coming to this class?
- What's school like for you now?
- What's changed for you?

If you are aware of a particular impact eg loss of sleep, fear of coming to school, no longer wanting to volunteer time at the school, ask

- Can you tell us about this has affected your.....

What's been the worst of it?

- What's the most difficult for you?
- What's been the hardest for you?
- What's the bit that bothers you the most?

Wrongdoer support questions

This must be difficult for you to hear this?

- This must be difficult for you to hear this and having to wait so long to have your turn.....?

How are things at home/between you all?

- How are between you in the wake of what's happened?
- How has this affected the relationship between you and (name of son/daughter)?

