

# the power of apology

listening learning caring

Say "I'm sorry" or "I apologise"

Name the wrong doing – be specific

Accept/acknowledge "I got it wrong"

Show you recognise the impact/consequences

Agree actions and do it!

"an apology is the superglue of life. It can fix just about anything?"

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3R's Regret Reason Remedy

### Regret

- say sorry
- accept responsibility
- sincere, real, authentic

#### Reason

- be honest and open
- explain rather than defend
- unpalatable truth

### Remedy

- what will put things right
- agree next steps
- feedback to all involved

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## 5A's of extraordinary feedback

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accept their experience their truth "I agree..." apologise
it's ok to say sorry
3 R's
"I am sorry"

offer to help think next steps "I will..." appreciate
value feedback
notice other perspectives
"Thank you..."

authenticity sincere, real, meaningful



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