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# AVOIDING

*Racism against Palestinians  
and Israelis*

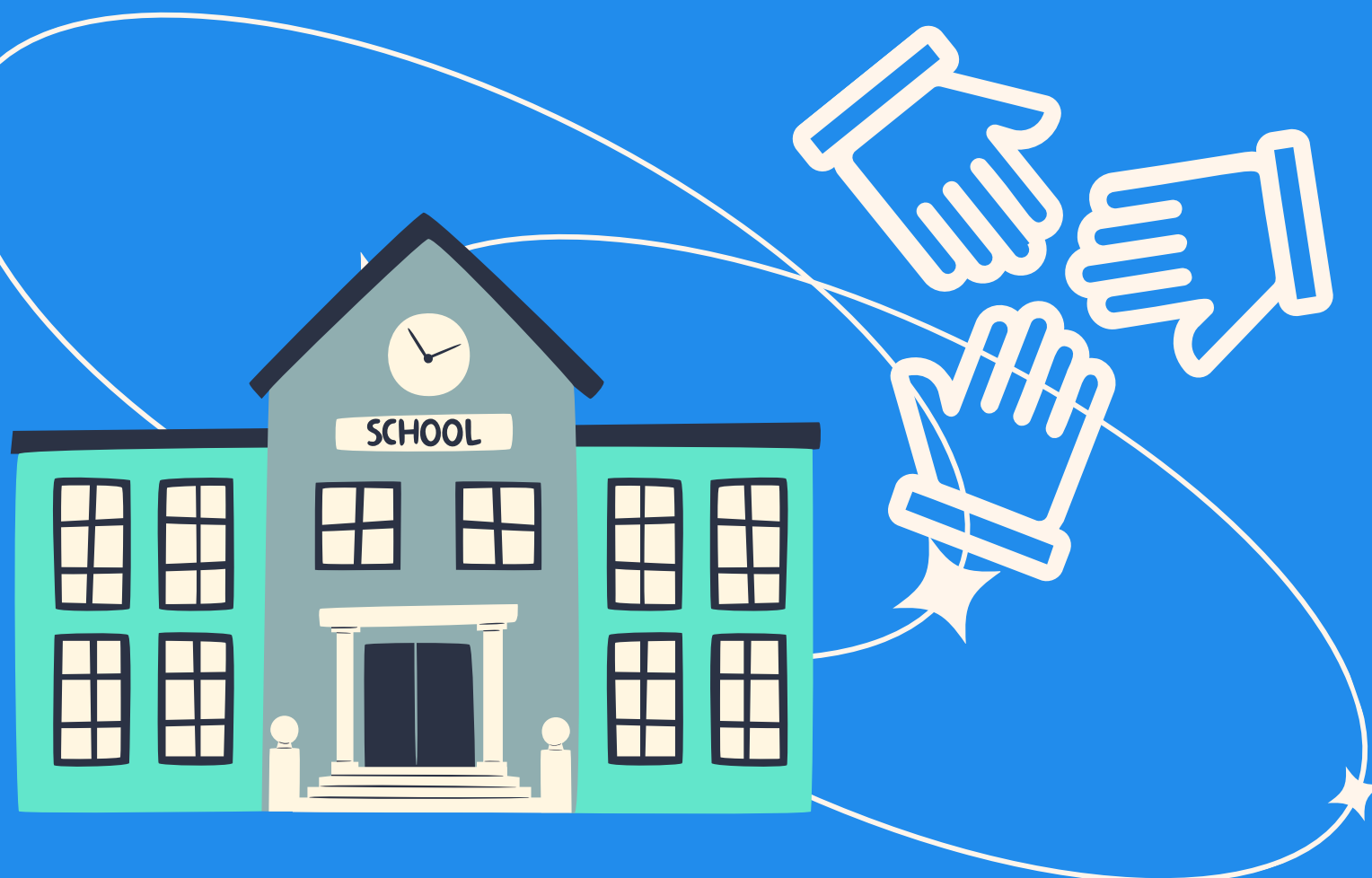


TEACHER RESOURCE



A guide to for avoiding racism against Israelis and  
Palestinians

# INTRODUCTION



**This document has been created to help schools and other educational bodies avoid racism towards Palestinians and Israeli people in discussions and learning about the topic.**

As educators, we will uphold the right of young people to learn about political issues in an impartial space. We will keep that space free from hate, inequality and violence. We will teach skills of critical thinking, communication, active listening and conflict resolution so they can learn to navigate these issues for themselves.



# GUIDE TO AVOIDING ANTI-PALESTINIAN AND ANTI-ISRAELI RACISM

Israelis and Palestinians suffer their own unique forms of prejudice that are often related to Islamophobia and antisemitism but are not the same thing (please refer to our other guide on these forms of racism, which can be found on Instagram). In recent years in the UK and in Israel-Palestine, we have witnessed some political leaders inciting hatred against Palestinians or Israelis. This is something we should be aware of and push back against, holding our leaders to account.



Anti-Palestinian racism involves suppression or denial of Palestinian culture and national heritage, and conspiracy theories about Palestine including:

- People being targeted for wearing Palestinian national symbols such as the keffiyeh (Palestinian scarf)
- Banning display of the Palestinian flag
- Denying the right to use the term 'Palestine' or banning expressing support for Palestinian nationalism
- Denying Palestinian national history, culture and identity
- Nakba denial/minimisation
- Claiming that Palestine is the puppet state of another country/international organisation
- Claiming that Palestine is part of a conspiracy for global domination
- Homogenising Palestinians as being all from the same faith background or political/religious viewpoint
- Claiming Palestinians have larger families to gain a demographic advantage
- Claiming that all Palestinians are terrorists/uncivilised, or that Palestine had a backward society before Israel was established



Anti-Israeli racism Involves suppression or denial of Israeli culture and national heritage, and conspiracy theories about Israel including:

- People being targeted for wearing Israeli national symbols such as the Star of David
- Banning display of the Israeli flag
- Denying the right to use the term 'Israel' or banning expressing support for Israeli nationalism (Zionism)
- Claiming that Israel is the puppet state of another country/international organisation
- Claiming that Israel is part of a conspiracy for global domination
- Homogenising Israelis as being all from the same faith background or political/religious viewpoint
- Denying Jewish national history in Israel
- Oct 7 attack denial/minimisation
- Claiming Israel is responsible for global disasters such as Coronavirus
- Claiming that all Israelis are racists, White European colonialists, settlers, or genocide supporters



### **Anti-Palestinian and anti-Israeli prejudice is:**

- Expressed by suppressing and silencing legal freedoms of speech and protest, and treating all pro-Palestinian activism as antisemitic/extremist, or alienating/excluding all Israeli citizens indiscriminately
- Borrows and utilises Islamophobic and anti-Arab tropes, or antisemitic tropes
- Claims that all Palestinians or all Israelis and their supporters aren't interested in pursuing peace

### **Prejudice towards Israeli and Palestinian people:**

Is more associated with the political right or left. Many of our leaders and grassroots groups from the right wing are partisan in favour of Israel and some have shown anti-Palestinian racism, and many of our political leaders and grassroots groups from the left wing are partisan in favour of Palestine and some have shown anti-Israeli racism. The further to the right or left the main parties in our democracy are, the more these forms of racism tend to become institutionalised.



Remember, Israelis and Palestinians are human beings just like the rest of us, with many living under unbelievably painful and difficult circumstances. Let's avoid hateful and prejudiced behaviour towards them just because of their identity and beliefs.





*Thank You*

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