### TOGETHER WE CAN PROMOTE A POSITIVE BODY IMAGE AND PREVENT FATPHOBIA

#### WHAT IS BODY IMAGE?

- A person's perception of their own body
- How they think others perceive them

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF A POSITIVE BODY IMAGE?

Follow Alex to discover the benefits of a positive body image.



Harmonious
RELATIONSHIPS
with others

**Alex** is comfortable expressing his needs and feelings to other children and educators.

Alex is looking forward to participating in his school's track and field activity because it's an opportunity to have fun and build confidence A healthy **RELATIONSHIP** with physical activity







Alex listens to hunger signals telling him when he's hungry and when he's full, then eats according to his appetite and tastes, knowing that his needs and preferences may be different from those of his friends...

A healthy
RELATIONSHIP
with food

## FATPHOBIA: AN OBSTACLE TO ALEX'S WELL-BEING

In society, all body shapes are not always accepted and there are many prejudices against weight.



**Alex** does not compare his silhouette to that of his friends, knowing that each body is unique.

A HEALTHY self esteem

Alex embraces the changes in his body by acknowledging that they are normal and by accepting his abilities, strengths and limitations.

A positive MENTAL HEALTH





#### WHAT IS FATPHOBIA??

- A form of stigma based on body size
- Negative stereotypes and prejudices targeting fat people\*



It is important to deconstruct prejudices and stereotypes regarding weight.

It is often **mistakenly** believed that if a person has a high weight, is because they lack willpower, they eat too much or badly, or they do not do enough physical activity. Yet, several factors outside of a person's control can influence weight.



#### **FATPHOBIA** can manifest itself:

At SCHOOL, where weight is one of the most common sources of bullying

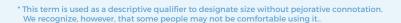


At WORK, where a person's weight can be a discriminating factor



In SOCIETY, where social pressure associated with the cult of thinness creates concerns and stigmatization with regard to weight

THANKS TO INCLUSIVE, DIVERSIFIED AND RESPECTFUL LIVING ENVIRONMENTS, ALEX ACCEPTS AND VALUES HIMSELF REGARDLESS OF HIS WEIGHT.



## HOW CAN YOU ACT TO PROMOTE POSITIVE BODY IMAGE AND PREVENT FATPHOBIA AROUND YOU?

#### **DISCOVER THE FREE TOOLKIT**

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