

School Anti-Bullying Policy

Approved By:	Full Governing Body
Date:	Jan 2022
Review Date:	Jan 2023
Signed:	

We aim:

- To provide a caring, secure environment for all of our pupils
- To promote self esteem and self discipline amongst our pupils
- To prevent bullying
- To confront and resolve instances of bullying issues, should they arise

Objectives:

- To promote a school ethos where bullying is regarded as unacceptable
- To develop an environment which is based on empathy and understanding of others, where all pupils feel safe, happy and secure
- To ensure all members of our learning community understand what bullying is, what it is not and the impact that bullying has on the individuals involved
- To ensure that everyone understands what is meant by bullying. (On purpose, ongoing, targeted and unfair).

Our School Values

As identified by members of our community, everyone in our school should be:

CURIOUS HONEST RESPECTFUL KIND

The Impact of Bullying

We recognise the significant impact that bullying can have on our learners. As such, we aim to proactively prevent, identify, monitor and resolve any bullying that may arise.

Definition of Bullying

We define bullying as behaviour that upsets a pupil and this behaviour is on purpose, ongoing, targeted and unfair.

In partnership with our community, we will ensure that preventative measures are in place

We recognise the importance of being proactive when reducing bullying and may, therefore, implement strategies including but not limited to:

- Encouraging open and honest communication with trusted
- Promoting Anti-Bullying week on an annual basis which is then frequently revisited as appropriate

- Running a robust and visible emotional literacy program
- Discussing inspirational figures who have been victims of bullying
- Model positive relationships through having two staff members in every class
- Explicit teaching of the concepts of inclusion and diversity throughout the curriculum
- Explicit teaching of resilience and conflict resolution

<u>In partnership with our community, we will work to identify, monitor and respond to instances of bullying</u>

Violence, aggression, threatening or intimidating behaviour will be sanctioned and recorded in accordance with the behaviour policy.

When behaviours are identified through behaviour logs, observation and close home/ school contact as **on purpose**, **ongoing**, **targeted and unfair**, further actions will be taken. These actions may include but will not be limited to;

- Separation where possible.
- Additional intervention or mediation such as circle of friends or group work.
- Increased home/school communication.
- A solution circle approach, involving all parties, will be taken. A restorative plan
 whereby the children involved can learn to empathise, work and play in the same
 space will be created and adapted to suit the individual circumstances.

To work towards the aims of the policy staff will:

- Encourage open and honest communication with trusted adults
- Ensure that their class participate in Anti-Bullying week
- Run Value Sessions each Monday afternoon
- Model positive relationships
- Consider how inclusion and diversity can be taught throughout topics
- Teach and reflect upon resilience using learning jungle
- Teach conflict resolution through restorative practise

To work towards the aims of the policy parents will:

- Support school by being clear with their child(ren) about the difference between experiencing conflict and being bullied (on purpose, ongoing, targeted and unfair).
- Let school know of any emotional or behavioural difficulties a child may be experiencing at home
- Inform school of any changes to their home lives which may affect their child at school
- Meet and work in unison with the school in relation to behaviour management procedures
- Support the school's behaviour policy
- Encourage their child(ren) to tell a trusted adult if they are upset, on the same day as any incident
- Encourage children to delete apps or block features should cyber-bullying occur outside of school and seek advice from outside agencies where needed

This policy is in conjunction with:

 Policy and Procedures For Dealing With Unacceptable Behaviour by Parents and Visitors on the School Premises

- DESC Complaints Procedure
- DESC Policy on Physical Contact, Control or Force on Pupils
 DESC Suspension of Pupils: Policy and Procedures
- Behaviour Policy
- Inclusion Policy

Updated - January 2022 Approved by governors - Feb 2022 Review - February 2023