



# Northumberland County Council

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Dear Headteacher

## Reporting racist incidents to the Local Authority in 2017-18

In Northumberland we have a county-wide reporting mechanism for schools and academies to report racist incidents, and to receive further support if they have concerns.

Every school or academy can access the [online form](#). This form generates a copy of the incident for your own records.

This annual summary letter replaces the old 'Form 2' which we previously sent to be discussed and accepted at the governing body meeting in the autumn term. **Please do keep it**, as it may be required during an inspection. A school's integrity in keeping children safe from discrimination is one of the fundamental aspects of safeguarding, and also underpins a commitment to the values of tolerance and mutual respect, and the wider Prevent and anti-bullying agendas.

The DfE Guidance to schools on [Preventing and Tackling Bullying](#) states:

*'Schools should be able to demonstrate the impact of anti-bullying policies. Ofsted will not routinely mark a school down where it has recorded incidents of bullying. Inspectors are interested in the impact of the actions a school has taken, i.e. how effectively schools prevent or deal with any incidents.'* (P10)

Our records show that in 2017-18 your school or academy reported **0** incidents to us. If this number appears to be incorrect, please do email [Gill.Finch@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:Gill.Finch@northumberland.gov.uk). I will ensure that we update our records and send you a replacement letter. You have until December 30th to do this. If you do not reply by this date, we assume that you accept this letter as a true record of the incidents you reported to Northumberland County Council in 2017-18.

It is still good practice to discuss racist and other discriminatory incidents in school at the autumn meeting of the governing body. It is one of the ways in which the school demonstrates compliance with the following statutory obligations: The Equality Act 2010, Keeping Children Safe in Education and Protecting Children from Radicalisation (The Prevent Duty 2015).

Best wishes

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