

July 2016 Anti-Bullying Newsletter



Dudley Schools Anti-Bullying Pledge Scheme Status



Bully Busters have been busy working with the younger children and have created their own 'reward' scheme. Bronze medals will be awarded to Bully Busters who have carried out their duties this term. We say 'goodbye' to our Year 6 team: thanks to Eloise, Sasha and Muneeba for all you have done to make our playgrounds a happy and safe place.

Our anti-bullying steering group have also been busy carrying out surveys with pupils of all ages across school, to hear what our pupils think about bullying.

All children surveyed, from Reception to Y6, said they feel safe from bullying around school and that they have someone to tell and a safe place to go, if they feel unsafe.

Children reported that they think bullying is handled well and that the Bully Busters help them.

Suggestions were a friendship bench on the top playground and more posters around school, so we will work on those things in September.

If you have any questions for the steering group, please contact Mrs Clarke or Mrs Scriven, our governor responsible for anti-bullying.

In one of our regular anti-bullying assemblies, Mrs Clarke told the children all about our Anti-Bullying Quality Mark application, which we will be sending off before the end of term. Watch this space for news!



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Our Anti-Bullying Policy is on the website. Here is a summary of what it says:

“Bullying is the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or through cyberspace.”

Bullying can be physical, verbal, relational bullying, cyber bullying, SEND related, sexist/transgender, homophobic or racist bullying.

Pupils who are being bullied may show changes in behaviour, such as becoming shy and nervous, feigning illness, taking unusual absences or clinging to adults. Pupils are encouraged to report bullying promptly to a member of staff. All school teaching and support staff are trained in dealing with alleged bullying incidents and must be alert to the signs of bullying, acting promptly and firmly against it in accordance with school policy. If bullying is taking place outside the school premises, the school will support those affected as it impacts on well-being in school. The school curriculum addresses bullying regularly, as does the assembly rota.

What can you do as parents? Encourage your children to share their thoughts and feelings with you, so that if they do experience problems, they will open up to you and staff in school. If you are worried that your child is being bullied, please see your child’s class teacher straight away. All alleged bullying incidents are thoroughly investigated, recorded and shared with the head teacher. Support is given to all involved, to resolve conflict and restore self-esteem and confidence. Always come to talk to us and together, we can resolve the problem.

Child friendly policy Our children have written their own version of the policy, which is being shared with the children across school.

Bullying Alliance for Parents:

<http://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/advice/parents-carers/anti-bullying-tool-for-parents/>

Anti-Bullying Alliance for Children:

<http://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/advice/children-young-people/>

Our E-safety web page:

<http://petershillprimary.org/Parents-1/E-Safety>

More information on our progress towards the Anti-Bullying Quality Mark will be available before the end of term.



We are aiming for bronze – watch this space!

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