

What will the school do?

If a parent approaches with a bullying concern:

We will listen.

We will take immediate action to protect the victim of bullying.

We will establish the facts and keep you informed as to what action is being taken.

We will seek to amend the behavior of the bully.

We will build up the self-esteem of the victim of the bully

We will seek to empower the victim so that a repeat of the situation is not possible.

We will make sure that all adults that are involved in that year group in the class and the playground are informed of the situation.

On the end of year handover new staff will be informed to monitor the situation.

Our Commitment

At Corpus Christi School we are committed to providing a warm, caring and safe environment for all our children. Bullying of any kind is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. We take all incidents of bullying seriously.

Everybody has the right to be treated with respect and pupils who are bullying others need to learn different ways of behaving.

At Corpus Christi School, we acknowledge that bullying does happen from time to time. When bullying does occur, everyone should be able to know that incidents will be dealt with promptly and effectively in accordance with our anti-bullying policy.

We are a LISTENING school. This means that we will listen to you if you tell us that you are being bullied or if you think someone else is being bullied.



**Anti-Bullying
Policy**

What is bullying?

Bullying can be;

1. Emotional, such as being unfriendly, excluding, tormenting
2. Verbal, such as name-calling, sarcasm, spreading rumours, threats, teasing, making rude remarks, making fun of someone
3. Physical in the form of violence
4. Racist abuse
5. Homophobic because of/or focusing on the issue of sexuality
6. Online/cyber, sending offensive text messages, emails and abusing the victims through social media
7. Any unfavourable or negative comments, gestures or actions made to someone relating to their disability or special educational needs

Signs a child might be being bullied

This is not a definitive list but a child who is being bullied may display the following signs:

- Losing possessions
- Change of sleeping habits
- Reluctance to attend school
- Torn uniform/possessions
- Bruises and unexplained injuries
- Withdrawn in nature
- Feigning illness
- Aggression with family members
- Anxiety
- Falling out with friends

What Can Parents Do

Listen to your child

Do not over question your child but gently try to find out what incidents have taken place

Let your child know that they are safe and have done nothing wrong

Do not question the other children involved

Stay calm and do not show signs that you are hurt and angry by the incident

Contact the school at the earliest opportunity

Do not contact the parents of the child misbehaving

Do not pass comment or express how you feel on social media

Do not ask your child to stand up for themselves or "fight back" a bullied child is simply unable to do this

Remember **STOP!**

Bullying is **S**ustained **T**argeted and **O**n **P**urpose

