



# Anti-Bullying - Information for parents/carers

## What is bullying?

The pupils of the school have agreed the following definition through work completed in assemblies, Circle Time and lessons.

**Bullying is intentional hurting of one person by another (in person or online).**

**Bullying is Several Times On Purpose (STOP).**



# STOP

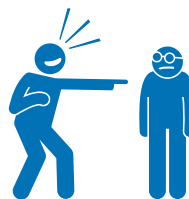
It is an act of aggression causing embarrassment, pain, or discomfort to someone. It can be carried out physically, verbally, emotionally or through Cyberspace. It can be an abuse of power. It can be planned and organised, or it may be unintentional. It may be perpetrated by individuals or by groups of pupils.

Some pupils are in some way more vulnerable to bullying, such as pupils who have specific abilities, disabilities or special educational needs (including behaviour), pupils new to the school, pupils who fall into specific social groups due to their family status or those with English as an Additional Language. School is highly aware of these pupils and takes additional care to meet their needs.

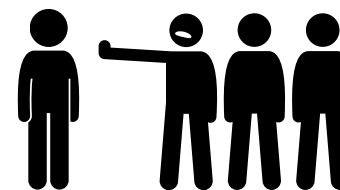
## Forms of bullying



Physical



Verbal



Emotional



Online

We are a **TELLING** school - everybody should be able to tell someone if they know bullying is happening.

## The role of parents and carers

Parents/carers who are concerned that their child might be being bullied, or who suspect that their child may be the perpetrator of bullying, should contact their child's class teacher immediately who will follow the school's policy and procedures. If they are not satisfied with the response, they should contact the head teacher. If they remain dissatisfied, they should follow the school's complaints procedure, which is available from the school office or on our school website.

Parents/carers have a responsibility to support the school's anti-bullying policy, actively encouraging their child to be a positive member of the school.

Parents are discouraged from trying to deal with any incidents of bullying themselves, by approaching either the child involved or their parents.



We are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all of our pupils so they can learn in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. Bullying of any kind is unacceptable at our school. If bullying does occur, all pupils and adults within our school family should be able to report it with the confidence that incidents will be dealt with promptly and effectively.

The school will seek ways to counter the effects of bullying that may occur within school or the local community, and will provide activities within the curriculum to minimise the likelihood of bullying taking place.

Our school has high expectations for behaviour and we will challenge any behaviour that falls below these. We aim to ensure that all pupils feel secure, are able to trust without fear, and can expect protection from adults in positions of care and responsibility.

### Ways we actively work to prevent bullying

- Positive school ethos
- Whole school assemblies
- Signed Class Promises
- High-quality PSHE lessons
- Year 5 and 6 Peer Mentors
- Year 5 and 6 Play Leaders
- Restorative behaviour approach
- Zoned playground areas
- Open door policy
- Outside agencies (NSPCC, Fort Alice, Healthy Relationships)
- Online safety lessons/assemblies
- Quality literature

