



Anti-Bullying Policy

Approved by the Governors of Rose Wood Academy

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Introduction

Bullying is action taken by one or more children with the deliberate intention of hurting another child, either physically or emotionally.

Aims and Objectives

Bullying is wrong and damages individual children. We therefore do all we can to prevent it, by developing a school ethos in which bullying is regarded as unacceptable.

We aim, as a school, to produce a safe and secure environment where all can learn without anxiety.

This policy aims to produce a consistent school response to any bullying incidents that may occur.

We aim to make all those connected with the school aware of our opposition to bullying, and we make clear each person's responsibilities with regard to the eradication of bullying in our school.

The Role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Head teacher in all attempts to eliminate bullying from our school. This policy statement makes it very clear that the Governing Body does not allow bullying to take place in our school, and that any incidents of bullying that do occur are taken very seriously and dealt with appropriately.

The Governors require the Head teacher to keep accurate records of all incidents of bullying and to report to the Governors on request about the effectiveness of school anti-bullying strategies. Records are kept on the school CPOM system.

The Role of the Headteacher

It is the responsibility of the Head teacher to implement the school anti-bullying strategy and to ensure that all staff members are aware of the school policy and know how to deal with incidents of bullying. The Headteacher reports to the Governing Body about the effectiveness of the anti-bullying policy on request.

The Head teacher ensures that all children know that bullying is wrong, and that it is unacceptable behaviour in this school. The Head teacher draws the attention of children to this fact at suitable moments. For example, if an incident occurs, the Head teacher may decide to use assembly as a forum in which to discuss with other children why this behaviour was wrong, and why a pupil is being punished. School follows the 'Several Times On Purpose' definition of bullying which is shared with the children.

The Head teacher ensures that all staff members receive sufficient training to be equipped to deal with all incidents of bullying.

The Head teacher sets the school climate of mutual support and praise for success, so making bullying less likely. When children feel they are important and belong to a friendly and welcoming school, bullying is far less likely to be part of their behaviour.

The Role of the Staff

Staff in our school take all forms of bullying seriously, and intervene to prevent incidents from taking place. They keep their own records of all incidents that happen in their class and that they are aware of in the school. These are stored on CPOMs.

If any staff member witnesses an act of bullying, he or she do all they can to support the child who is being bullied. If a child is being bullied over a period of time, then, after consultation with the Head teacher, the teacher informs the child's parents. All recorded instances are reported to the Head teacher through CPOMs.

If, as staff, we become aware of any bullying taking place between members of a class, we deal with the issue immediately. This may involve counselling and support for the victim of the bullying, and sanctions for the child who has carried out the bullying. We spend time talking to the child who has bullied: we explain why the action of the child was wrong, and we endeavour to help the child change their behaviour in future. If a child is repeatedly involved in bullying other children, we inform the Head teacher. We then invite the child's parents into the school to discuss the situation and agree appropriate action to be taken. In more extreme cases, for example where initial discussions have proven ineffective, the Head teacher may contact external support agencies such as the SEND team.

Staff members attend training, which enables them to become equipped to deal with incidents of bullying and behaviour management.

Staff attempt to support all children in their class and to establish a climate of trust and respect for all. By praising, rewarding and celebrating the success of all children, we aim to prevent incidents of bullying.

The Role of Parents

Parents 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.

Parents have a responsibility to support the school's anti-bullying policy and to actively encourage their child to be a positive member of the school.

Cyber Bullying

Cyber bullying is a form of bullying.

- Some forms of cyber bullying involve the distribution of content or links to content, which can exacerbate, extend and prolong the bullying. It is important to try and prevent the spreading of material.
- In the case of cyber bullying, bystanders or 'accessories' to the bullying may have a more active role – they may forward on messages, contribute to discussions in chat room, or take part in an online poll. So even though they have not started the bullying or think of themselves as bullying, they are active participants, making the situation worse and compounding the distress for the person subjected to the bullying.

Steps that staff can take

- Advise the victim not to respond or reply.
- Keep all correspondence or images as evidence.
- Contact parents of both victim and perpetrator.
- Ask the person that originally posted the material to remove it.
- Contact the host to make a report to get the contact removed.
- Ask all pupils involved to delete the offensive content/material **and say who they have sent it to.**
- Mobile phones will be confiscated if brought into school **against school rules** e.g. not handed to their class teacher or used in school without permission.

Monitoring and Review

This policy is monitored on a day-to-day basis by the Head teacher, who reports to Governors about the effectiveness of the policy on request.

Information for monitoring and review purposes is gathered from talking with children, both formally and informally, from parents' communications and from staff observations and reporting.