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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 should be able to tell and know that incidents will be dealt with promptly and effectively. We are a *TELLING* school. This means that *anyone* who knows that bullying is happening is expected to tell the staff.

What Is Bullying?

Bullying is the **repeated** use of verbal or physical aggression with the intention of hurting another person. Bullying results in pain and distress to the victim.

Bullying can be:

- Emotional- being unfriendly, excluding, tormenting (e.g. hiding books, threatening gestures)
- Physical- pushing, kicking, hitting, punching or any use of violence
- Racist taunts, graffiti, gestures
- Sexual- unwanted physical contact or sexually abusive comments
- Homophobic- because of, or focussing on the issue of sexuality
- Verbal-name-calling, sarcasm, spreading rumours, teasing
- The use of any technology to threaten violence against another

Objectives of this Policy

- All governors, teaching and non-teaching staff, pupils and parents should have an understanding of what bullying is.
- All governors, teaching and non-teaching staff should know what the school policy is on bullying, and follow it when bullying is reported.
- All pupils and parents should know what the school policy is on bullying, and what they should do if bullying arises.
- As a school we take bullying seriously. Pupils and parents should be assured that they will be supported when bullying is reported.
- Bullying will not be tolerated.

Prevention

- School displays and constantly refers to school rules
- Home/ School agreement
- PSHE curriculum will teach children about how to deal with bullying from peers.
- Having discussions about bullying and why it matters
- Openness will be encouraged to enable children to feel confident that they can talk to an adult if necessary.
- Cultivating an ethos of respect



Procedures

1. Report bullying incidents to staff
2. In cases of serious bullying, the incidents will be recorded by staff
3. In serious cases parents should be informed and will be asked to come in to a meeting to discuss the problem
4. If necessary and appropriate, police will be consulted
5. The bullying behaviour or threats of bullying must be investigated and the bullying stopped quickly
6. An attempt will be made to help the bully (bullies) change their behaviour

Outcomes

- 1) The bully (bullies) will be expected to apologise. Other consequences may take place- please refer to "sanctions" section of behaviour policy.
- 2) In serious cases of directed repeated offences, suspension or even exclusion will be considered
- 3) After the incident / incidents have been investigated and dealt with, each case will be monitored to ensure repeated bullying does not take place.
- 4) The school will work with parents and carers to encourage a change in behaviour.