



## **Anti-bullying Policy**

Wheldrake with Thorganby C.E. Primary School nurtures all children and adults to become lifelong learners, building a thirst for knowledge, encouraging excellence and fostering creativity through a varied and exciting curriculum. Our school Christian values of faith, hope and love underpin everything we do and are an umbrella of other values. We celebrate local, global and cultural diversity in our ever changing society.

Love your neighbour as yourselves *Matthew 22:39*  
Let us encourage one another. Hebrews 10:25

### **Introduction**

Bullying is an action taken by one or more person with the deliberate intention of hurting another person, either physically or emotionally. This may include cyber-bullying. Bullying is usually something which happens repeatedly.

### **Aims and objectives**

Bullying is wrong and damages individuals. We therefore do all we can to prevent it, by developing a school Christian ethos in which bullying is regarded as unacceptable. We aim, as a school, to produce a safe and secure environment where all can work and learn without anxiety. Our school values, including faith, hope and love underpin our work and the ethos of our school.

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 headteacher and staff 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 governing body monitors the incidents of bullying that occur, and reviews the effectiveness of the school policy. The governors require the headteacher to keep accurate records of all incidents of (using CPOMS) and to report to the governors on request about the effectiveness of school anti-bullying strategies.

The governing body responds within ten days to any request from a parent to investigate incidents of bullying. In all cases, the governing body notifies the headteacher and asks him/her to conduct an investigation into the case and to report back to a representative of the governing body.

### **The role of the headteacher**

It is the responsibility of the headteacher to implement the school anti-bullying strategy and to ensure that all staff (both teaching and non-teaching) 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 headteacher ensures that all children know that bullying is wrong, and that it is unacceptable behaviour in this school. The headteacher draws the attention of children to this fact at suitable moments.

The headteacher ensures that all staff receive sufficient training to be equipped to deal with all incidents of bullying. The headteacher 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 contribute to the records of incidents that they are aware of in the school.

If members of staff witness an act of bullying, they 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 headteacher, the teacher informs the child's parents.

If, as members of staff, we become aware of any bullying taking place between pupils in a class, we deal with the issue seriously. 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 headteacher and the special needs co-ordinator. We establish what support is required to help the pupil change their behaviour. We then invite the child's parents into the school to discuss the situation. In more extreme cases, for example where these initial discussions have proven ineffective, the headteacher may contact external support agencies.

Members of staff 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/ 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.

Parents and carers 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.

### **Monitoring and review**

This policy is monitored regularly by the headteacher, who reports to governors about the effectiveness of the policy on request.

This anti-bullying policy is the governors' responsibility and they review its effectiveness annually. They do this discussion with the headteacher. Governors

analyse information with regard to gender, age and ethnic background of all children involved in bullying incidents.

**Links**

Behaviour Regulation Policy

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