



Anti-bullying statement

Introduction

We have a responsibility to provide a secure environment, so that all children feel happy, confident and safe whilst at school. All bullying is unacceptable and will be taken seriously.

What is bullying?

- Hurting people's feelings constantly
- Constantly making people feel uncomfortable
- Name calling over and over again
- Being mean to somebody every day
- Picking on someone for being different
- One person or group persistently hurting another person
- Hurting someone mentally, emotionally or physically every day
- Texting mean messages to people
- Excluding people from friendship groups and games

How can we best prevent bullying?

Through education

At Dulwich Wood Primary School, through our ongoing PSHE curriculum and through assemblies, children are encouraged to learn to deal with bullying and negative peer pressure, gaining confidence and developing appropriate strategies. In particular, appropriate, immediate reporting to an adult is strongly encouraged. We highlight issues around bullying as part of the annual National Anti-Bullying Week.

Teachers use a range of methods to help prevent bullying and to establish a climate of trust and respect for all. They use drama, role-play, stories etc. within the formal curriculum, to help pupils understand the feelings of bullied children, and to practise the restraint required to avoid lapsing into bullying behaviour.

Circle time and assemblies are used to praise, reward and celebrate the success of all children, and thus to help create a positive atmosphere.

Through a culture of reporting bullying

- Pupils keep an eye on each other and report suspected bullying through 'anonymous tip off boxes'
- We display prominent posters with a 'We say no to bullying' message around the school
- We teach pupils to say "Stop, I don't like what you're doing"
- We encourage children to always tell an adult or a friend
- We teach the children the importance of telling an adult through the "Remember to tell" song

What do we do if bullying is reported?

- Teachers keep their own records of behavioural incidents that happen in their class
- All bullying incidents are reported to the Senior leaders who log all reports in the 'Bullying Log'
- Children with repeated poor behaviour have their behaviour monitored and recorded in an individual log
- All anonymous tips offs are logged in the 'Bullying Log' and investigated by the Senior Leaders who interview all parties and take action as appropriate.

Dealing with the bullies

Bullying is dealt with under the Pupil Behaviour & Discipline Policy which stipulates sanctions.

Supporting the victims

Our inclusion team and learning mentors work with victims of bullying to support them.

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