



Meadowcroft Community Infant School

Anti-Bullying Policy

At Meadowcroft, we believe that children have the right to feel safe and protected. We therefore agree that bullying in any form will not be tolerated.

We recognise that behaviour at this age is mostly inconsiderate play rather than bullying. However we aim for bullying to be prevented from the beginning, and we recognise that children should be taught a respect for themselves and for others, and this respect should be shown at all times. We expect the adults at Meadowcroft to act a good role models to this end.

WHAT IS BULLYING

Bullying behaviour can include:-

- name calling and teasing
- physical violence
- threats
- isolating individuals from group activities

SPOTTING BULLIED CHILDREN

Pupils who are being bullied may:

- frown or look unhappy or angry;
- try to move away from the aggressor;
- not take turns, the aggressor maintaining the dominant role throughout the interaction.

THE PLAYTIME POLICY

Bullying can take place outside the classroom and often in the playground. To support pupils at playtimes we have well-informed staff in supervisory roles. There are many play activities available and Year 2 pupils themselves lead these.

During the lunch break we provide areas for quiet and energetic play. In cold weather we provide an indoor area for those who wish to stay in.

For children electing to play outside at lunchtime there is plenty of outdoor equipment from which they can choose.

Weather permitting and with sufficient adult supervision, the grassed area at the side of the school will be offered for quiet activities such as bird watching etc.

Pupils ask to go to the toilets during a break. This allows the adults to know exactly where everyone is.

BULLYING IN THE PLAYGROUND

If supervisory staff witness an incident of bullying, they will ask for and listen to both sides of the story and do so sensitively and away from other pupils. The children should be encouraged to find a solution to the problem themselves, if possible, and without bad feeling remaining between them. Mild sanctions may be used in responding to these one-off incidents which do not result in actual physical harm. A reprimand may be sufficient to deter a pupil from name calling or mild teasing. More serious cases will be dealt with the Headteacher and/or the parents involved.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

We believe that parents have a vital role in supporting their children with positive cooperation. Teachers will inform parents if a child is involved in any serious incident. Parents are encouraged to approach teachers if they have any concerns about their child or others.

TACKLING BULLYING IN THE CLASSROOM

Any poor behaviour will be explored through the PHSE curriculum and other small group programmes.

At Meadowcroft we ensure bullying is prevented by

- giving praise to positive behaviour from all staff
- promoting school values which promote co-operative behaviour
- using the curriculum to raise awareness of bullying
- staff having positive relationships with pupils
- responding to any bullying behaviour promptly and consistently
- training and informing staff of bullying issues as appropriate