



Anti-Bullying Week

November 2018



Our school is a place where every person has the right to be themselves, to be included and to learn in a safe and happy environment. Everyone at our school is equal and we treat one another with respect and kindness. Hoyland Springwood is an inclusive school and we pride ourselves on being warm and welcoming to all. We respect and celebrate our differences and the things that make each of us special.

Aims and Purpose

Bullying of any kind is unacceptable and will not be tolerated at our school. At our school the safety, welfare and well-being of all pupils and staff is a key priority. We take all incidences of bullying seriously and it is our duty as a whole school community to take measures to prevent and tackle any bullying, harassment or discrimination. We actively promote values of respect and equality and work to ensure that difference and diversity is celebrated across the whole school community. We want to enable our pupils to become responsible citizens and to prepare them for life in 21st Century Britain. These values reflect those that will be expected of our pupils by society, when they enter secondary school and beyond in the world of work or further study. We are committed to improving our school's approach to tackling bullying and regularly monitor, review and assess the impact of our preventative measures.

This policy should be read in conjunction with related policies e.g. Personal Development, Behaviour & Wellbeing, Safeguarding & Child Protection.

Definition of Bullying

Bullying is hurtful or unkind behaviour which is deliberate and repeated. Bullying can be carried out by an individual or a group of people towards an individual or group. The **STOP** acronym can be applied to define bullying – **Several Times On Purpose**.

The nature of bullying can be:

- Physical – such as hitting or physically intimidating someone, or using inappropriate or unwanted physical contact towards someone
- Attacking property – such as damaging, stealing or hiding someone's possessions
- Verbal – such as name calling, spreading rumours about someone, using derogatory or offensive language or threatening someone
- Psychological – such as deliberately excluding or ignoring people
- Cyber – such as using text, email or other social media to write or say hurtful things about someone



This year, the theme of National Anti-bullying Week is to **Choose Respect**. To celebrate how different we all are and to respect all our differences.

To show our awareness of respecting others, we took part in Odd Socks Day on Monday and the children have learnt more about Cyber bullying both in class and in assembly on Thursday. Over this week and next, the children will be taking part in a wide range of activities in class to raise the awareness of being kind, respecting others and ensuring that the schools Golden Rules are kept in order to prevent bullying at all levels.

On Friday 23rd November, to bring the themed fortnight to an end, all the children are invited to 'wear it blue'. We are also inviting parents and carers to join us in celebrating the learning that has taken place by seeing our Anti-bullying exhibition in the hall from 3pm. At the end of the school day when you collect your children, you can bring your children into the hall to see the whole school learning.

If you are worried about bullying it's very important you tell your child to tell an adult. If they don't want to do that they can always call **Childline 0800 11 11** or visit www.childline.org.uk

Advice for pupils of Hoyland Springwood
If you're being bullied by phone or the Internet

Remember, bullying is never your fault. It can be stopped and it can usually be traced.

- Don't ignore the bullying. Tell someone you trust, such as a teacher or parent, or call an advice line.
- Try to keep calm. If you are frightened, try to show it as little as possible. Don't get angry, it will only make the person bullying you more likely to continue.

There's plenty of online advice on how to react to cyber bullying. For example www.kidscape.org www.wiredsafety.org have some useful tips.

If you believe your child is being bullied please contact your child's class teacher. If you have further concerns please contact the Head Teacher or Lynda Smith the PSA. Hoyland Springwood school has an "Anti-Bullying including cyber-bullying" Policy which can be accessed on our school website or ask the school office for a copy.