

Anti-Bullying Policy (Children's Version)

St Lawrence Catholic Primary School



At St Lawrence Primary we want a caring, friendly and safe place for all of our pupils. Bullying of any kind is unacceptable at our school. If you are feeling upset or worried about anything, please tell one of the teachers or Learning Assistants. You will be listened to and we will help you.

What is Bullying?

Children will tease, fall in and out with each other, have arguments, stop talking to each other and agree and disagree about what's cool and what's not. **Don't worry, this is a normal part of growing up and is not bullying.**

Bullying behaviour usually is:

- deliberate – hurting someone on purpose – it is not accidentally hurting them
- unfair – the intended target is hurt and doesn't deserve this
- repeated – it can go on and on and can happen again and again

Bullying behaviours can include:

- being hit, kicked, tripped, poked, kicked
- having belongings stolen or damaged
- being ignored, left out, people talking about you
- receiving unkind messages through text messages, social networks or emails Many children and young people experience bullying because they are "different" or because they are thought to be "different".

At St Lawrence's Primary we encourage everyone to respect others and celebrate similarities and differences in all people.

Those involved in bullying behaviours may take on one of the following roles:

- leader – leading the bullying activity
- assistant – helping the leader
- reinforcer – watching, perhaps laughing
- target – the target of the bullying behaviour
- defender – tries to stop the bullying
- outsider – walks away without getting help

In class work, we will explore and discuss these roles and help all children to make positive choices.

What to do if you are worried about bullying behaviour?

- Tell someone – it could be a friend, someone in your family or an adult in the school. We need to know what is happening so we can help you.
- The incident will be investigated and we will talk to everybody involved.
- We may do some work with a group or a class to encourage children to make better choices and to think of others' feelings.

Where to get Help:

Respect Me – www.respectme.org.uk (0844 800 8600)

Bullying Online - www.bullying.co.uk;

Childline - 0800 1111