



Dealing with Bullying at Angel Road Schools

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Bullying is behaviour by an individual or group, repeated over time, that intentionally hurts another individual or group, either physically or emotionally.

Parents should:

- ✓ Contact the school as soon as they are concerned about their child. This can be done by speaking to your child's class teacher at the beginning or end of the day, or by telephoning and speaking to the Head teacher, Deputy Head teacher or Year Leader.

School will:

- ✓ Regularly discuss bullying in lessons and assemblies, so that children know how to deal with difficult situations.
- ✓ Hold regular meetings between the Head teacher and Year leader to share information about any concerns that have been raised by children, parents or staff.
- ✓ Inform parents of any problems.
- ✓ Meet with victims and perpetrators of bullying to clarify the problem and agree a course of action.
- ✓ Deploy a member of staff to check with the pupils how the situation improves.
- ✓ Implement clear sanctions where bullying behaviour continues.
- ✓ Contact parents to discuss how the situation has improved.

Parents have an important part to play in our anti-bullying policy.

We ask parents to:

- ✓ Look out for any unusual behaviour in your children. For example, they may suddenly not wish to attend school, feel ill regularly, or not complete work to their usual standard.
- ✓ Always take an active role in your child's education: ask them how their day has gone, who they spent their time with etc.
- ✓ If you have concerns about your child being bullied, contact the school straight away.
- ✓ It is important not to advise your child to fight back. It can make matters worse.
- ✓ Tell your child that it is not their fault that they are being bullied.
- ✓ Reinforce the school's policy and make sure that your child is not afraid to ask for help.
- ✓ Support the school's anti-bullying policy by actively encouraging them to be a positive member of the school

If you are dissatisfied with the way that the school has dealt with a bullying incident, you should follow the school complaints procedure by initially contacting the class teacher. If concerns remain, you should contact the Head teacher.

