

ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

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Aim

To have a school where all students feel safe and secure and bullying is regarded as unacceptable. All Students should feel that they can approach someone in school if they do experience bullying and know that they will be supported, with appropriate action taken to ensure it stops. This policy builds upon the 2010 Equality act and our represents our commitment to respond effectively to all reported incidents of bullying behaviour to create a community where every child matters.

What is bullying?

Bullying is the repeated aggression or harassment over a period of time, with the intention of hurting another person, which results in pain and distress to others. It can also be any act which deliberately sets out to hurt, cause harm, threaten or frighten another individual or group of students. As a school we are committed to supporting those affected by bullying and will take action as soon as we are aware of any issues.

Bullying can include:

Physical	pushing, kicking, hitting, pinching or any other use of violence, taking belongings
Verbal	name calling, insulting, sarcasm, making offensive remarks spreading rumours, teasing
Emotional	excluding, tormenting (i.e. hiding books, threatening gestures), being unfriendly, racial taunts, graffiti, gestures
Racial harassment	is when someone is bullied because of her/his colour, the way they speak or the fact that her/his nationality is different from yours. In 1999 the MacPherson Report defined racist bullying as “any incident which is perceived to be racist by the victim or any other person”.

Incidents can include:

- Verbal abuse by name calling, racist jokes and offensive mimicry
- Physical threats or attacks
- Wearing of provocative badges or insignia
- Bringing in racist leaflets, comics or magazines
- Inciting others to behave in a racist way
- Racist graffiti or other written insults – even against food, music, dress or customs
- Refusing to cooperate in work or in play

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Sexual harassment impacts on both genders. Boys are also victims – of girls and other boys. Sexual bullying is characterised by:

- Abusive name calling
- Looks and comments about appearance, attractiveness, emerging puberty
- Inappropriate and uninvited touching
- Sexual innuendoes and propositions
- Pornographic material, graffiti with sexual content
- In its most extreme form, sexual assault or rape

Sexual orientation. Students do not necessarily have to be lesbian, gay or bisexual to experience such bullying. Just being different can be enough.

Cyber bullying – the use of text messages, internet chat rooms and e-mail to bully an individual.

Racial bullying - all incidents of racial harassment should be recorded as that and not simply 'bullying'.

Discriminatory language – the use of discriminatory language across all protected characteristics will be challenged and isn't appropriate for use within the school or wider community. This includes language which is intentionally used to cause harm or upset someone based on their age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, marriage/civil partnership, and pregnancy/maternity. This covers language directed towards staff as well as other students.

Implementation

The policy is implemented via the below procedure;

1. Students must report all bullying incidents. This can be done with an adult or via our on line bullying form. Form tutors are our main first contact, however any trusted adult in school or those within the pastoral team (SWM's/HoY/Senior Leader) should be spoken to.
2. One reported, Bullying incidents **must** be recorded on our bullying form- linked via the QR code on e-praise and/ or the card all students are issued with.
3. Throughout the year there will be a clear anti-bullying message via assemblies, Fitz Focus, Fitz Focus + and in the way staff handle negative interactions between students. All aspects of the curriculum promote tolerance and fairness as part of the social, moral, spiritual and cultural development of students.

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4. Action should aim to counsel/comfort/reassure the victim and make the bully very aware of the effects of his/her actions, hopefully leading to some kind of appropriate apology or restitution. Sanctions may be necessary but it may well be the case that both parties agree to apologise to each other, especially with first offences. As part of normal teenage behaviour, groups of students may fall out with each other for the most minor of reasons but this in itself can be the start of more serious bullying. On occasions supportive education may be implemented around an incident to address the behaviours exhibited; this may be completed in isolation or alongside other consequences.
5. All bullying that is reported will be recorded in the school's bullying log.
6. Outside agencies may be involved and consulted. If bullying is also occurring outside school, it may be appropriate to involve the police.
7. Any bullying via social networking will also be dealt with severely. If a student is bullying another student online, the school will take action even if they are doing the bullying out of school time. This is in line with the most recent cases in employment law.
8. Reported incidents on the way to and from school will also be followed up in line with our policy as students will be deemed to be bringing the school into disrepute with any bullying related behaviour in the community.
9. Further support for the victim (or bully) will be offered. This may be via a member of staff or through the Peer-Counselling service.
10. We recognise that on occasions an altercation between two students can be a quick reaction to a "one-off" situation. If both participants are happy to resolve the situation then and there, they may be dismissed with a reprimand. Form tutors can be informed verbally. Bullying infers deliberate and long-term effort to make people unhappy and seriously disrupts learning, attendance and denies a feeling of well-being to which all are entitled.
11. We will follow-up after an incident to check that the bullying has not started again. Immediately after intervention the bullying is likely to stop. However, research has shown that bullying can be very persistent and recur. If students expect follow-up, they are unlikely to start bullying again.

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Monitoring and evaluation

Bullying logs will be analysed weekly at least by HOYs and SWMs to look for patterns of bullying and act accordingly. This will be monitored by the Assistant Headteacher. There will be an annual review of the policy by the school council. We also have a staff workgroup reviewing policy and procedure.


Anti-Bullying Supporting Process:

1. Bullying **reported** via face to face to staff, email, Parent call/ communication, Staff concern, QR code/ bullying form
2. Incident **recorded** using bullying form- this ensures incidents are logged and can be monitored
3. Incident **reviewed** by Pastoral team and appropriate action taken
4. Follow up sanction applied which is proportionate to the incident and any previous incidents. These may include:
 - Restorative conversations
 - Warnings to Student/s
 - Apology- written/ verbal
 - Loss of social time
 - Detention
 - Internal Suspension
 - External Suspension
 - Parent meeting/s
5. Feedback to those involved following the process

ABC Levels – Achievement, Behaviour Community


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A B C Levels

ACHIEVEMENT BEHAVIOUR COMMUNITY




A

ACHIEVEMENT



B

BEHAVIOUR




C

COMMUNITY

Positive Behaviours	Level	Likely reward
Positive contribution in lessons.	1	Teacher praise.
Excellent progress or contribution in a lesson/over a series of lessons.	2	House points/postcard.
Excellent progress over a term, excellent behaviour and attendance over a term.	3	Department/HOY commendation, termly prize draw, termly afternoon invite.
Sustained progress and or attainment over two terms or longer.	4	Fitzharrys Awards, School colours, Achievement Awards.
Excellence over the year in a subject or area.	5	Presentation evening awards, Head's awards.

Disruptive Behaviours	Level	Likely Sanction
Talking over teacher, lateness, work not completed, mobile phone/use, throwing things.	1	Classroom teacher interventions. These will include verbal warnings, being moved, cooling off time.
Repeating Level 1 behaviours. Rudeness to staff, rudeness to other students, refusal to follow instructions, regular lateness.	2	Break time/lunch time detention, phone call home, learning discussion with teacher, incident report completed.
Continuing to disrupt lessons and/or refusal to follow instructions and/or rudeness to staff.	3	Removal to HOD with work, department detention, readmission meeting with HOD and teacher, parents and/or HOY involved.
Regularly repeating the above behaviours, refusal to go to a HOD, failure on senior report.	4	Removal by a senior teacher, isolation, senior detention.
Persistently refusing to co-operate, persistent disruption, threatening staff, one off serious incidents.	5	Exclusion.

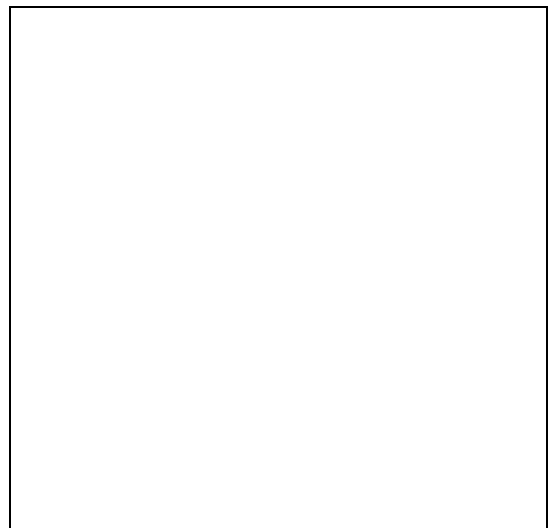
Bullying Behaviours	Level	Likely sanction
Name calling.	1	Warning and bullying incident report written.
Repeating name calling, threatening another student, ganging up on another student.	2	Loss of breaks/lunchtimes. Bullying incident report written.
Continuing any of the above behaviours despite warnings.	3	Tutor/HOY detention and parents involved. Bullying incident report written.
Regularly repeating the above behaviours. Racism, homophobia, hitting another student.	4	Isolation/senior detention. Bullying incident report written.
Persistently behaving as above despite previous warnings. One off serious incidents or violence.	5	Exclusion.



TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

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After Event FEEDBACK as appropriate to;

- Students – victim & aggressor
- Parents - victim & aggressor
- Wider pastoral team and colleagues