



BASSETT GREEN
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Safeguarding Newsletter

Bullying - February 2023



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Any bullying concerns, please speak with Mr. Bastable (Mr. B)



Key Reminders: Please check the age recommendations for any 'apps' or social media platforms your child may be accessing, such as Whatsapp (age 16+) and Snapchat (age 13+). We are dealing with an increased number of concerns linked to such platforms in school linked to cyber-bullying.

Thank you



What is Bullying?

Bullying is when someone is being hurt either by words or actions on purpose and repeatedly over a period of time. It can happen at any time and it can happen in any place.

Bullying takes place in many types of relationships. It is behaviour that can make people feel hurt, threatened, frightened and left out and it can happen face to face or online. This type of behaviour can harm children physically or emotionally.

In some cases, children may not realise that their behaviour is a form of bullying. They are perhaps modelling the behaviour of adults or other children, not understanding that it is wrong. It can be downplayed their actions by saying it was a bit of fun, a misunderstanding, a joke, or 'banter'.

Support at Home

You might experience a huge range of emotions if you discover a child's being bullied. Whether it's a child in your care or someone you know, here are some tips to support you with this:

- Talk to your child about bullying and cyberbullying
- Let your child know who to ask for help
- Help your child to relax and take time out doing something they feel good about
- Report any bullying on line
- Talk to the school or club about your concern.

Support at School

At Bassett Green Primary School, we will not tolerate any form of bullying. We have policies to help staff spot any potential signs of this and prevent it from happening in the first place. We aim to help children learn better ways to communicate and how to interact more appropriately with their peers.

We want all children to feel safe in the relationships they make with others so that interactions remain positive. However, children will fall out and disagree with each other as they form and build relationships. This is a normal part of growing up and most children have the ability to bounce back from this type of behaviour. This may not be bullying.

Our policies detail how seriously we take this aspect of our safeguarding responsibility and how we will work to support our children to know their rights and responsibilities to keep safe.

No one EVER deserves to be bullied.





Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying is any form of bullying which takes place online or through smartphones and tablets. Both adults and children can be victims of this form of bullying, so we have to be vigilant.

The impact of this can be wide reaching from feeling frightened and intimidated, being the victim of fake gossip or rumours, having photos or videos posted about you, being on the receiving end of language that causes offense and an argument (flaming), threatening behaviour etc.

In addition, people with malicious intent can use the internet for grooming of young and vulnerable people, fraud, stalking, exclusion, blackmail etc.

The internet and social media can be fun and can bring many educational and personal benefits but we must protect ourselves from misuse.

A useful source of information for parents can be found at:
<https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/bullying/cyberbullying>.

Our website <https://www.bassettgreen.net/online-safety/> has further information around online safety and the use of social media platforms and 'apps'.

At Bassett Green Primary School, we will always follow up on all reported concerns relating to cyberbullying.

How to stop CYBERBULLYING

- STOP** LOG OFF the site where the bullying is happening.
- BLOCK** BLOCK EMAILS or messages. Don't respond to them.
- RECORD** SAVE THE MESSAGE or email and show an adult.
- TALK IT OUT** TELL SOMEONE you trust.

Logos for ROSIE WELLD Foundation, Walk Away Ignore Talk it Out Ask for Help, and University of Victoria are at the bottom. Find out more at www.walkawayprogram.ca or www.mediasmarts.ca

Useful Websites:

www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk

www.bullying.co.uk

www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/feelings-and-symptoms/bullying/

www.kidscape.org.uk

www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk

www.supportline.org.uk/cyberbullying

www.safeinternet.org.uk

