

Anti-Bullying Policy

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ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

RATIONALE

Up Holland High School believes we should respect the dignity and uniqueness of the individual. We believe all students have the right to learn in an environment in which they feel safe, happy, supported and free from any form of bullying. This is to ensure that each individual is given maximum opportunity to achieve academic excellence and to be free from harm.

Bullying has no place anywhere in our school community, and this applies to the relationships between adults and adults and between adults and students as it does between the students themselves. Thus, school staff also have a right not to be bullied by parents or other staff. We believe we all have a responsibility to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. We expect the behaviour of students, teaching staff, support staff and parents to reflect this.

VALUES AND PRINCIPLES

We accept that all children have the right to be educated in a caring, friendly, secure environment. We believe that this policy upholds those beliefs. There are also a number of statutory obligations on schools with regard to behaviour which establish clear responsibilities to respond to bullying. In particular section 89 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006:

- provides that every school must have measures to encourage good behaviour and prevent all forms of bullying amongst students. These measures should be part of the school's behaviour policy which must be communicated to all students, school staff and parents
- gives headteachers the ability to discipline students for poor behaviour even when the student is not on school premises or under the lawful control of school staff

Therefore:

- bullying behaviour of any kind is unacceptable and will not be tolerated
- reports of bullying behaviour of any kind will be recorded, taken seriously and dealt with promptly and effectively, using relevant school procedures

- anyone who knows that bullying is happening/has happened is expected to tell a member of staff. We are a telling/listening school and children will be listened to and know it is "OK to tell". We also follow the whistleblowing policy
- staff have a key role in modelling positive relationships
- we recognise that a safe and happy time in school is essential for overall school improvement in terms of general behaviour, attendance levels and thus of raising achievement
- the school has a key role in preparing young people for their adult lives in society. Thus the promotion of equality and diversity is important for both now and for the future
- we aim to promote open and honest reporting of bullying so that students have confidence to talk to staff or other adults. Bullying is any behaviour by an individual or group that causes either physical or emotional hurt to others, repeatedly. Whether there is intention to hurt may be debatable, but where a person perceives that to be the case, then the matter should always be investigated by staff as it is affecting that person's wellbeing.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE POLICY

At Up Holland High School, we aim to create a climate in which all people are considered equal, worthy of respect and esteem. We believe that every individual is a unique individual in their own right.

- All members of the school community, but particularly the adults, have a responsibility in actively maintaining a culture where there is respect for others and good behaviour and where bullying/Online bullying is not tolerated. In this, the school always aims to work in partnership with parents
- As a school, we take all bullying seriously. Students and parents should be assured that they will be supported when bullying is reported
- All students and parents should know what the school policy is on bullying, and what they should do if bullying arises
- All governors, teaching and non-teaching staff, students and parents should have an understanding of what bullying is
- All governors and teaching and non-teaching staff should know what the school policy is on bullying, and follow it when bullying is reported

- All adults in school will respond promptly and firmly where any bullying is identified and will link into wider school systems to ensure that appropriate further action is taken to support those being bullied and to ensure that perpetrators are held to account for their actions
- Anti-bullying messages will be one feature of the programme for assemblies. A range of activities will be organised for anti-bullying week each year
- A preventative approach will be used as far as possible. Thus, planned anti-bullying work is built into the curriculum, for example in PSHE/Character & Culture Days. The discussion and countering of prejudice-led behaviour is, for instance, part of the study of the Holocaust in History and in RE. All subject areas will be alert to curriculum opportunities to challenge bullying and prejudice-led behaviour and stereotypical views. The contribution of all students will be valued and students will be supported in developing their social and emotional skills.

DEFINITION OF BULLYING BEHAVIOUR (including racist, sexist and homophobic, special educational needs, Online and disability)

Up Holland High School have agreed to adopt the following definition in line with current Government guidance. Bullying is behaviour by an individual or group, usually repeated over time that intentionally hurts another individual or group, either physically or emotionally.

Bullying falls into two main categories:

- Emotionally harmful behaviour such as verbal taunting, spreading hurtful rumours and excluding people from groups, or Online-bullying via technology
- Physically harmful behaviour such as kicking, hitting, pushing or other forms of physically abusive behaviour.

The behaviour constitutes bullying if:

- it is repetitive, wilful or persistent
- it is intentionally harmful, carried out by an individual or group
- there is an imbalance of power, leaving the person who is bullied feeling defenceless

It is also important to acknowledge that bullying behaviour can and does occur anywhere - in schools, within the home and the community.

It is not bullying when:

- there is no intention or harm, i.e. behaviour is thoughtless or accidental
- there is a one-off fight/argument between students
- there is a good reason why others cannot be included in a group activity
- a student is called a name which they are happy with, e.g. a nickname

The perception of bullying is also taken very seriously. Up Holland's anti-bullying policy covers all types of bullying, including bullying relating to:

- Bullying may take various forms, including: a. Physical: Kicking. Hitting. Pushing. Intimidating behaviour or interference with personal property
- Verbal/Psychological: Threats. Taunts. Shunning/ostracism. Name calling. Verbal abuse. Spreading of rumours.
- Homophobic Bullying – Name calling, innuendo or negative stereotyping based on sexual orientation or use of homophobic language.
- Racist Bullying - race, religion or culture - racial taunts, racial graffiti, gestures, Physical, verbal, written, on-line or text abuse or ridicule based on differences of race, colour, ethnicity, nationality, culture or language
- Special educational needs or disabilities - abuse of anyone who is vulnerable – children with physical disabilities, those on the Autism Spectrum, or those with educational needs. Also any bullying of children who are carers and children who have suffered a death in the family. It can include name calling, innuendo, negative stereotyping or excluding from activity based on disability or learning difficulties, appearance or health conditions - sexual orientation - homophobic – any hostile or offensive actions against lesbians, gay males, bisexual or transgender dysphoria or those perceived to be lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans or questioning their sexuality
- Sexist or sexual bullying - unwanted physical contact or abusive comments, sexual taunts, gestures or graffiti
- Gifted and Talented Bullying – Name calling, innuendo, ostracism or negative peer pressure based on high levels of ability or effort.
- Cyber bullying - students/staff via technology – internet/computers/mobile phones/other electronic devices, abuse on-line or via text message, interfering with electronic files, setting up or promoting inappropriate websites and inappropriate sharing of images from webcams/mobile phone.
- Faith based bullying – Negative stereotyping, name calling or ridiculing based on religion

- Peer on peer abuse - Children and young people who abuse others should be held responsible for their abusive behaviour, while being identified and responded to in a way that meets their needs as well as protecting others. Allegations of peer abuse will be taken as seriously as allegations of abuse perpetrated by an adult.
- Bullying of school staff, whether by students, parents/carers or other staff

Under the Children Act 1989 a bullying incident should be addressed as a child protection concern when there is 'reasonable cause to suspect that a child is suffering, or is likely to suffer, significant harm'. Where this is the case, the school staff should report their concerns to their local authority children's social care. Even where safeguarding is not considered to be an issue, schools may need to draw on a range of external services to support the student who is experiencing bullying, or to tackle any underlying issue which has contributed to a child engaging in bullying.

HOMOPHOBIC BULLYING

Homophobia is a dislike or fear of someone who is lesbian, gay transsexual or bisexual (LGBTQ). At its most benign it involves passive resentment of LGBTQ men and women. In its most destructive form it involves active victimisation. Such attitudes can also affect anyone who is perceived to be homosexual or who does not conform to stereotypical standards of masculine or feminine behaviour. Challenging and responding to homophobia will also help address concerns regarding gender-based bullying, and stereotypical images of masculinity and femininity.

Homophobic bullying is often present in an environment that fails to challenge and respond to homophobia. It can take the form of rumourmongering, social isolation, text messaging and frightening looks, as well as more obvious forms of bullying. It does not just affect young people who identify as LGBTQ. In schools, homophobic bullying can directly affect any young person whose life choices, interests or needs do not conform to accepted gender norms, as well as adult members of the school community who are LGBTQ, and anyone who may have friends or relatives who are LGBT. This can, in turn, affect the whole school community by giving out the message that bullying is tolerated, and that the school environment is unsafe. The school ethos influences every aspect of school life, and can be a key determinant in the success of work to challenge homophobia.

Managing religious sensitivities: contrasting views on homosexuality between (and within) different religious faiths are often seen as an obstacle to addressing homophobia in schools. However, at Up Holland we consider that most religions and faiths are based on fairness and justice. The key issue to address is not so much the range of religious beliefs about sexuality, but rather the need to challenge discrimination and promote the respect and equality of all young people, regardless of their sexuality.

As like any other form of bullying at Up Holland Homophobic abuse and harassment is not acceptable behaviour and will not be tolerated.

ONLINE-BULLYING

The rapid development of, and widespread access to, technology has provided a new medium for 'virtual' bullying, which can occur in or outside school. Online-bullying is a different form of bullying and can happen at all times of the day, with a potentially bigger audience, and more accessories as people forward on content at a click.

The wider search powers included in the Education Act 2011 give teachers stronger powers to tackle Online-bullying by providing a specific power to search for and, if necessary, delete inappropriate images (or files) on electronic devices, including mobile phones.

Online-bullying takes different forms – threats and intimidation, harassment or “Onlinestalking” (eg repeatedly sending unwanted texts or instant messages), vilification/defamation, exclusion or peer rejection, impersonation, unauthorised publication of private information or images and videos and the manipulation/use of another student’s ICT area. Online-bullying is completely unacceptable and will be followed up by the school as serious misbehaviour in line with our anti-bullying policy and behaviour for learning policy.

The procedures for dealing with Online-bullying are similar to those we use for anti-bullying. Tackling Online-bullying can often be more challenging as, on many occasions, it can take place outside of school (although not always) and the evidence can be difficult to gather.

We rely on parents monitoring their children’s use of technologies, e.g. the internet and mobile phones, with particular regard to social networking sites, to assist in school. If any aspect of ICT is misused in the school on our equipment, or if there is any misuse of the school email system either in or out of normal school hours, then, due to the sophisticated filters in operation, school **will** identify and address this misuse. Fortunately, this type of misuse is incredibly rare and this is helped by the fact that students are not able to access any social media sites on our network.

Most of the inappropriate use of the internet is done from home or on students’ mobile devices during evenings, weekends and holidays.

Staff at the school have NO jurisdiction to deal with this, and cannot investigate it.

It should be noted that in many cases a child may put themselves at considerable risk due to the misuse of social media accidentally. E.g. giving personal details, publishing photographs, etc. to a 'friend' who then distributes this information more widely, making inappropriate comments about other young people. They need to be fully aware of this risk.

The responsibility for monitoring a child's use of social media, or indeed the internet in general, **MUST** lie with parents/guardians. We strongly encourage you to discuss issues around this with your children. There are also links to other websites containing further advice around children's use of ICT www.parentinfo.org, E-Safety information is also available in the link www.e-safetysupport.com

If your child is the victim of inappropriate use then we strongly recommend that you as a parent/guardian report the matter to both the website developer and to the police. As stated earlier, unless an issue manifests itself during the normal school day, our staff are not able to address this. School's interventions do not extend to incidents that happen out of school at night, weekends or in holidays when children are in the care of their parents.

At Up Holland, we are totally committed to preventing all forms of bullying, and all instances of bullying will be investigated quickly, thoroughly and appropriately.

We are fully aware bullying in itself is not a specific criminal offence in the UK, it is important to bear in mind that some types of harassing or threatening behaviour or communication could be a criminal offence, for example under the Protection from Harassment Act 1997, the Malicious Communications Act 1988, the Communications Act 2003 and the Public Order Act 1986.

Under the Malicious Communications Act 1988, it is an offence for a person to send an electronic communication to another with intent to cause distress or anxiety or to send an electronic communication which conveys a message which is indecent or grossly incentive or a threat or information which is false or known or believed to be false by the sender.

If school feel that an offence may have been committed by a student in this way during school hours, the Headteacher will seek guidance from the police as to the next course of action.

In school

It is not possible for students to access social networking sites in school as a result of the Lancashire Firewall. At Up Holland, all students agree to the acceptable use policy. All parents and students must agree to sign the acceptable use policy before students are allowed access to information and communication technology in school.

The IT team monitors words which are typed in or images viewed on a student's PC. Where inappropriate words or images are found, the software screen shots the student's PC screen and this is forwarded by the IT team to the Director of Standards and the Headteacher. These screenshots may be sent home to parents for information as necessary. Students may, as a result, have their right to ICT access restricted, withdrawn or monitored indefinitely. This is at discretion of the Headteacher.

The transmission of some images/information can be a criminal offence and will be dealt with as such by the school. Any pornographic images will be handed over to the police straight away.

Bullying outside school premises

The Headteacher has a specific statutory power to discipline students for poor behaviour outside of the school premises. Section 89(5) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 gives Headteachers the power to regulate students' conduct when they are not on school premises and are not under the lawful control or charge of a member of school staff. This can relate to any bullying incidents occurring anywhere off the school premises, such as on school or public transport, outside the local shops, in a town or village centre, on a school trip or any extra-curricular activity. This intervention by school is not unlimited and we rely on parents to monitor their child's online life and ensure they have a healthy relationship with technology. School's interventions do not extend to incidents that happen out of school at night, weekends or in holidays when children are in the care of their parents.

Where bullying outside school is reported to school staff, it should be investigated and acted on. The Headteacher should also consider whether it is appropriate to notify the police or anti-social behaviour coordinator in their local authority of the action taken against a student. If the misbehaviour could be criminal or poses a serious threat to a member of the public, the police should always be informed.

Parents/Students

If a parent or child becomes aware of bullying or inappropriate use of the internet or mobile devices, then they should try and record any instance through the use of the screenshot/print screen, i.e. taking a digital image of the screen they can view. They should then save it or print it and bring it into school.

This could be used by the school in line with our anti-bullying policy or the police/other agencies should it be deemed necessary as evidence.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF BULLYING

A child may indicate by signs or behaviour that he or she is being bullied. Adults should be aware of these possible signs and they should investigate if a child:

- has low self-esteem
- is more anxious/insecure
- begins to have behavioural problems at school
- has poor attendance
- is frightened of walking to or from school
- doesn't want to go on the school/public bus
- begs to be driven to school
- changes their usual routine
- is unwilling to go to school (school phobic)
- begins to truant
- becomes withdrawn, anxious or lacking confidence
- attempts or threatens suicide or runs away
- cries themselves to sleep at night or has nightmares
- feels ill/feigns illness
- begins to do poorly in school work
- comes home with clothes torn or books damaged
- has possessions which are damaged or "go missing"
- asks for money or starts stealing money (to pay bully)
- has unexplained cuts or bruises
- becomes aggressive, disruptive or unreasonable

- stops eating/excessive eating
- is frightened to say what's wrong
- is increasingly secretive regarding internet and mobile phone use

TO WHOM THIS POLICY APPLIES

This anti-bullying policy applies to all adults, and young people who are members of the school community. The policy aims to address bullying child to child, adult to child, child to adult, and adult to adult. The policy applies to any bullying behaviour in school, and the provisions of this policy will be applicable in relation to behaviour outside school on school

business (for example school trips, sports fixtures, work experience, etc.) and also where there is a clear link between the behaviour and the maintaining of good order and discipline within the school. In appropriate circumstances, the provisions of the policy will also extend to cover the conduct of students when they are not on school premises and not under the control or supervision of a member of staff.

This policy applies at all times.

RESPONDING TO BULLYING BEHAVIOUR

Procedures for reporting bullying for staff, students and parents

- If students are concerned about bullying all allegations of bullying incidents should be reported to a member of staff
- If parents are concerned about bullying, they should contact their child's Head of Year
- If staff are concerned about incidents of bullying of a child, they should report to the Head of Year or Leader for Behaviour & Attitudes
- If staff are concerned about an incident of bullying involving another member of staff, they should speak to the Headteacher
- Incidents will be thoroughly investigated and all details recorded quickly and accurately

Procedures for investigating incidents of bullying of students

The Lead for Behaviour & Attitudes is the designated member of staff with overall responsibility for investigating incidents of bullying.

- Students will normally in the first instance identify a member of staff with whom they can talk to about an incident of bullying
- Personal Development Tutors and the appropriate Head of Year will encourage the student to fully co-operate
- Students who have allegedly bullied another student will be interviewed individually by his/her Head of Year
- Students can make a written record if they wish
- Close supervision will take place by the Reflection Manager during the investigative period
- Heads of Year will liaise with the Lead for Behaviour & Attitudes and keep them well informed of all suspected incidents.

In serious cases, parents will be informed and will be asked to attend a meeting to discuss the problem with the Head of Year or the Lead/Deputy for Behaviour & Attitudes and if necessary the Headteacher.

If necessary and/or appropriate, outside agencies and the police will be consulted to offer support and guidance.

Procedures for recording bullying of students

All suspected incidents of bullying will be recorded by the Head of Year on Synergy and written statements copied for all files of all students involved in any way

- Procedure – dates, times, teacher involved must be reported on Synergy and placed in pastoral files
- Any reported incident – see child, contact parent, log
- A notification of all incidents will be sent via Synergy to the Lead for Behaviour & Attitudes in order to keep an overview of such incidents. The Lead for Behaviour & Attitudes will produce reports from data held in Synergy for Governors and the LA
- The Head of Year, in consultation with the Lead/Deputy for Behaviour & Attitudes, will co-ordinate actions on bullying incidents and agree appropriate follow-up

Procedures for dealing with complaints

The school endeavours to bring all incidents of bullying to a satisfactory conclusion.

However, if a parent/carer feels that school has not they can contact the Headteacher in the first instance to discuss the matter. If, after this, they still feel there are concerns and parents feel that the school's response is not adequate, the Headteacher will give details of the appropriate complaints procedure and parents can contact the Chair of Governors.

Support for children and young people, parents and carers and staff during and immediately after a bullying incident.

- Staff will talk to all the children involved in the incident and then offer support. This support could include meetings with the Head of Year or other students
- Identify responsible students to offer in class support to bullied child
- Actively encourage parents to keep school informed. This message is featured at the new intake evenings/partnership evenings
- Keep parents informed at all stages
- Regularly consult with teachers, personal development tutors, Heads of Year and SLT
- Involve the police where the bullying behaviour is of a particularly serious nature

Consequences that may be applied for bullying

Our aim is for students, parents/carers and school to operate in a culture of mutual respect, hence often the issue can be resolved at the stage of parental involvement.

However, further consequences that may be used are:

- parental/student interviews
- Break/lunchtime/SLT detentions
- Reflection
- Seclusion (at another school) for a fixed period of time
- removal of the perpetrator from the group or class
- removal of the perpetrator from a school bus
- removal of internet access or other appropriate punishment
- police contact
- restorative justice
- withholding participation in any school activity (e.g. trip, residential or sports event) which is not an essential part of the curriculum
- Headteacher meeting - exclusion (fixed term) - exclusion (permanent)

The strongest sanction, exclusion, may be necessary in cases of severe and persistent bullying.

INTERVENTION STRATEGIES

Up Holland employs a range of intervention strategies after the disclosure of any bullying situation/incident. These interventions include:

- use of School Counsellor (if appropriate)
- peer support
- discussions in PSHE lessons
- restorative approaches/staff mediation between perpetrator and victim within a safe environment
- use of assemblies/PSHE/anti-bullying week to reinforce the message of antibullying/discuss aspects of bullying
- use of outside agencies as appropriate

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

A. Within the School Environment

At Up Holland we believe we employ a whole range of strategies to help promote positive behaviour, good relationships and safe environment for all students.

Within the school environment, there are a range of measures aimed at preventing bullying:

- Providing an open and secure environment in which students feel comfortable sharing issues related to bullying as part of the telling/listening school
- Creating easy methods for students to talk to personal development tutors and Heads of Year or any other adult they feel comfortable sharing bullying-related incidents with
- Raising the profile and understanding of bullying-related issues in assemblies, house assemblies, PSHE (and other lessons as appropriate)
- Dealing with bullying issues efficiently, sensitively and quickly
- Quickly imposing appropriate sanctions for perpetrators as necessary
- In particular, the needs of SEN and vulnerable children will be assessed
- Additional senior leadership students on duty at break and lunchtime
- Staff completing a duty before school and break time on a rota basis. The rotas are published at the beginning of each academic year
- SLT being on duty at the school gates at the end of the school day
- Staff completing a lunchtime duty in and around school and supervising all students
- SLT advising staff of any problem areas which duty staff will closely supervise
- At breaktime and lunchtime in the school hall, teaching staff and Headteacher supervise students
- Social networking sites, e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, KIK, Snapchat are an increasing problem and PSHE lessons warn against visiting these sites. School reserves the right to copy or download information of this nature regarding potential bullying
- Facebook issues relating to staff

B. WITHIN THE CURRICULUM

Across the curriculum, Up Holland aims to:

- raise awareness of bullying behaviour, examples of bullying and the effect of bullying on a person's social, emotional health and wellbeing
- raise awareness of how a student can combat bullying
- identify and promote positive role models
- encourage positive student//staff relationships
- develop personal and social skills
- students are taught about e-safety and Online-bullying in ICT lessons, PSHE lessons and via assemblies. Students should report bullying texts or incidents on the Internet to a member of staff

Throughout a variety of curriculum areas the above issues are explored/discussed.

- PSHE, house and year assemblies, tutor time, anti-bullying week activities, antibullying surveys, displays around school, student code of conduct, race equality code, student councils, healthy schools initiative, drama, English and RE.

C. WITHIN THE PASTORAL FRAMEWORK

A variety of measures are identified and employed by pastoral staff to ensure students' health, social and emotional wellbeing.

- Discuss with parents and Y6 students at new intake parental interviews about any sensitive issues/friendship groups relevant to their child during the transition from KS2 to KS3
- Head of Transition, SENCO and Head of Year liaise closely with primary schools to aid transition
- Thorough and well-planned induction programme for parents and the students
- Identification of appropriate adults whom students can approach if there are difficulties/concerns. In the first instance, this would normally be the student's form tutor

- Use of a variety of staff in school to support students who feel at risk/vulnerable – personal development tutor, Head of Year, SEN Coordinator, Phoenix Manager
- Create a strong ethos of anti-bullying and an understanding that Up Holland has a zero tolerance approach to bullying behaviour of any kind
- Follow up all incidents of bullying and communicate to students the sanctions that will be applied to any incidents of a bullying nature
- Identify any potential “isolated” areas in school and ensure appropriate staff presence at breaks/lunchtimes

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICY

- It is the responsibility of the Headteacher to ensure that the anti-bullying policy is implemented correctly in school and all staff follow the procedures set out in it
- The anti-bullying policy will be reviewed every two years
- The Lead for Behaviour & Attitudes will co-ordinate all incidents of a bullying nature and ensure thorough record keeping
- Head of Year/Personal Development Tutors will keep the Lead for Behaviour & Attitudes informed of any incidents brought to them by students
- All staff have a responsibility to ensure any disclosures of bullying by any student are passed on to the appropriate staff
- All new staff will receive anti-bullying training
- All staff will have regular anti-bullying training as part of Up Holland CPD.

MONITORING OF THE ANTI-BULLYING PROCESS

- The Lead for Behaviour & Attitudes will monitor the recording of all incidents of bullying/and monitor actions taken and their effectiveness
- The Lead for Behaviour & Attitudes will ensure pastoral staff are keeping well detailed accounts of bullying incidents and that reporting procedures are being consistently applied
- At certain times in each school year, the student voice will discuss anti-bullying strategies, preventative measures and reporting of anti-bullying incidents. Details from such meetings will be fed back to SLT and discussed as appropriate

EVALUATING THE POLICY

As a school, Up Holland will strive to review the anti-bullying policy in line with good practice annually by the Governing Body. The Governing Body and Headteacher will review reported incidents and any relevant comments from students, staff, parents and governors.

The outcomes of such reviews will be considered by all staff and appropriate amendments made to measures in school where necessary. The Pastoral Team and SLT will discuss the anti-bullying policy strategy sanctions regularly at appropriate points throughout the school year. The student voice representatives will be involved in the reviewing of the policy throughout the year.

This policy is fundamentally important to the health and wellbeing of all students and adults within Up Holland community. All members of the school community have a responsibility for implementing the anti-bullying policy.

ADVICE AND SUPPORT

Department for Education resources:

- *Behaviour and Discipline in Schools Guidance*
- *Make Them Go Away* -(A video resource about bullying involving young children with disabilities)
- *Let's Fight it Together* - (A video resource about Online-bullying)

Legislative links:

Schools' duty to promote good behaviour (Education and Inspections Act 2006 Section 89)
Power to tackle poor behaviour outside school (Education and Inspections Act 2006 Section 89(5))

The Equality Act 2010

Specialist Organisations:

The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA): Founded in 2002 by the NSPCC and National Children's Bureau, the ABA brings together over 100 organisations into one network to develop and share good practice across the whole range of bullying issues.

Beatbullying: A bullying prevention charity with an emphasis on working directly with children and young people. In addition to lesson plans and resources for parents, Beatbullying has developed the Onlinementors peer support programme for young people affected by Onlinebullying.

Kidscape: Charity established to prevent bullying and promote child protection, which provides advice for young people, professionals and parents about different types of bullying and how to tackle it. They also offer specialist training and support for school staff, and assertiveness training for young people.

Restorative Justice Council: Includes best-practice guidance for practitioners.

Online-bullying:

ChildNet International: Specialist resources for young people to raise awareness of online safety and how to protect themselves.

LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual):

EACH: A training agency for employers and organisations seeking to tackle discrimination on the grounds of gender and sexual orientation.

Schools Out: Offers practical advice, resources (including lesson plans) and training to schools on LGBT equality in education.

Stonewall: An LGBT equality organisation with considerable expertise in LGBT bullying in schools, a dedicated youth site, resources for schools, and specialist training for teachers.

SEND:

Mencap: Represents people with learning disabilities, with specific advice and information for people who work with children and young people.

Changing Faces: Provide online resources and training to schools on bullying because of physical difference.

Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA)

www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk

Tel: 020
7843
1901

Parentline Plus

www.parentlineplus.org.uk

Tel: 0808
800 2222

Childline

www.childline.org.uk

Tel: 0800

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References

DfEE (Sept 2025) Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education

DfES (2017) Preventing and Tackling Bullying

NHSS – Stand Up for Us – Challenging Homophobia in School

Appendix 2

All Staff should be aware of and work hard to challenge the following stereotypical language with regard to:

1. Homophobia:

Do you challenge the use of words relating to homosexuality when they are used in derogatory ways?

e.g. —that's well gay..., stop being so gay etc other

examples: Lesbo, Lezzer, dyke, poof, poofter, queer, tranny

2. Mental health stereotypes:

Do you challenge words/phrases describing stereotypical views of mental illness? e.g. —he's a psycho! other examples: nutter, loony, nut job,

mental case

3. Derogatory terms for disabilities:

Have you heard students using this sort of language to describe each other? e.g.

—what a spaz..., He/She is a retard

other examples: spacker, mong, retard

4. The use of religions/religious terms in a derogatory sense and blasphemy – using God's or Christ's name as a swearword:

e.g. —You're so tight you must be Jewish! other

examples: Using religious stereotypes to describe others

5. Criticising people's heritage or nationality:

e.g. that's Irish... other examples – Pikey, Kraut,

Frog, Spick, Chink, Paki, Gypo

6. Racism of any sort

e.g – he's a Paki., other examples: nigger,

rag head, nig-nog, wog

The consequences of these words can be really harmful to a young person. What a person says can really damage and isolate some people even if it is not meant to be offensive to anyone.

Tolerance and equality should be encouraged at all times, and stereotypes and inequality challenged. Any student using language of this nature in any situation should be referred to their Head of Year and Lead for Behaviour & Attitudes informed. Appropriate sanctions will be used based on each individual case.