

# St Bartholomew's CE (VC) Primary School

## Anti-Bullying and Harrassment Policy



### Policy

The aim of the anti-bullying policy is to ensure that pupils learn in a supportive, caring and safe environment without fear of being bullied. Bullying is anti-social behaviour and affects everyone; it is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Only when all issues of bullying are addressed will pupils be able to fully benefit from the opportunities available at schools.

Bullying is defined using three criteria. Behaviours are class as bullying when:

- They are designed to be deliberately hurtful
- They are repeated over a period of time,
- The instigator has an element of power, so it is difficult for those being bullied to defend themselves.

The three main types of bullying are:

- physical (hitting, kicking, theft)
- verbal (name calling, racist remarks)
- indirect (spreading rumours, excluding someone from social groups)

Pupils who are being bullied may show changes in behaviour, such as becoming shy and nervous, feigning illness, taking unusual absences or clinging to adults. There may be evidence of changes in work patterns, lacking concentration or truanting from school. Pupils must be encouraged to report bullying in schools.

St Bartholomew's Primary School's teaching and support staff will be alert to the signs of bullying and act promptly and firmly against it in accordance with school policy.

### **Implementation**

The following steps will be taken when dealing with incidents:

- If bullying is suspected or reported, the incident will be dealt with immediately by the member of staff who has been approached

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- A clear account of the incident will be recorded and given to the head teacher
- The head teacher will interview all concerned and will record the incident
- Class teachers will be kept informed and if it persists the class teacher will advise the appropriate teachers
- Parents will be kept informed
- Restorative measures will be used as appropriate and in consultation with all parties concerned

## **Pupils**

Pupils who have been bullied will be supported by:

- offering an immediate opportunity to discuss the experience with their class teacher or member of staff of their choice
- reassuring the pupil
- offering continuous support
- restoring self-esteem and confidence

Pupils who have bullied will be helped by:

- discussing what happened
- discovering why the pupil became involved
- establishing the wrong doing and need to change
- informing parents or guardians to help change the attitude of the pupil

The following disciplinary steps can be taken:

- official warnings to cease offending
- sanctions as listed in our behaviour policy
- exclusion from certain areas of school premises
- minor fixed-term exclusion
- major fixed-term exclusion
- permanent exclusion

Within the curriculum the school will raise the awareness of the nature of bullying through inclusion in PSHE, circle time in class, worship/assemblies and subject areas, as appropriate, in an attempt to eradicate such behaviour.

## **Monitoring, evaluation and review**

The school will review this policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.

This policy is monitored through returns to the LA on an annual basis and termly monitoring of the Log book, accident and incident books by the head teacher.

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‘Under the Equality Act 2010, due regard has been given to equality considerations when reviewing this policy in accordance with the requirements of The Single Equality Act 2010’