



## DURRINGTON INFANT AND JUNIOR FEDERATED SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Carer

### Parents and Carers Anti - Bullying Questionnaire

As you know we take the issue of bullying seriously at this school and were awarded the BIG Award to acknowledge the work the school does to challenge this. With this in mind we supported Anti-Bullying Week with 'Odd Socks Day', where the staff and children wore odd socks to promote and celebrate difference as well as raising awareness of Anti-Bullying Week.

The children also took part in our 'Choose Respect' assemblies, where we talked about how in everyday life we can CHOOSE to be rude or to show people respect. If we choose rude then we will make people feel sad, unhappy, or alone. This rude behaviour could be unkindness or bullying behaviour to others. But, if we choose kindness and respect we can make people feel happy in school and like they belong. In our school we value each other and it is important to make the right choices and show respect.

Later on during Anti - Bullying Week we held 'Cyberbullying' assemblies featuring the 'STOP, SPEAK, SUPPORT' message. This message has been developed to provide simple steps for young people who witness cyberbullying to follow. It aims to empower young people to stop cyberbullying by speaking out and seeking support. The school sent out useful website addresses for you to share with your children, about how to keep them safe online.

We spent time with the children talking about who they could talk to about any concerns they might have. At school children know they can talk to any adult and we encourage the children to bring a friend with them for support if they wish. Furthermore, there is 'Bob' the worry box in Infant and Junior schools where children can write any concerns they may have and these are sensitively discussed with the child by the pastoral team. The children also know that they can speak to Play Leaders, Sport Leaders, School Councillors or the Ambassadors with any worries or concerns. At home the children know to talk their parents or carers as well to any trusted adult. Finally, the children know that they can always call Childline to report concerns. The children are aware of the Childline telephone number which can be found on posters around the school or in the Anti - Bullying brochures, which were made and distributed by the School Council.

We appreciate that this is a lot for the children to take in and for some children and young people bullying can be a very real concern and we want to make sure we are doing all we can to keep your child safe. This means we need your help to find out if your child has or is being bullied – either in school or in the wider community.



## What does bullying mean?

'Bullying' is frequently used to mean any sort of unpleasant behaviour between children however this is often 'Relational conflict', a falling out between children where there will be a desire to put things right, there is not an imbalance of power and it is not repetitive or persistent.

The Anti-Bullying Alliance definition of bullying is **'The intentional hurting of one person by another, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It is usually repetitive or persistent, although some serious one-off attacks can have a continuing harmful effect on the victim'**.

We hope you can see that we take the issue of bullying very seriously. With this in mind we would appreciate it if you would complete the on line Anti – Bullying Survey supplied by the BIG (Bullying Intervention Group) to enable us to continue to monitor our progress in tackling this issue at school, and would welcome your views on this by the end of December 2018. The results of the survey will then be discussed at the next Anti-Bullying forum meeting which will be held early in the new year. Further information can be found in the School's Anti-Bullying policy which is on our website.

Parent survey weblink - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CY976JT>

If in the meantime, you have concerns that your child is being bullied, then support is available. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Beadle or Mrs Harrison, our pastoral team, should you have any concerns.

Kind regards,

Amanda Beadle & Liz Harrison

Pastoral Team

