



Issue 2

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Welcome to Issue 2 of our safeguarding newsletter.

In this edition we will be sharing information with you regarding bullying:

- *What is bullying?*
- *What the school is doing to prevent bullying*
- *What parents / carers can do to support their children*
- *Anti Bullying Week 2021: One Kind Word.*

STOP
BULLYING

WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT A CHILD

If you are worried about a child's safety please do not hesitate to contact the

Designated Lead:

Rachael Alexander-Gordon

or a Designated Safeguarding Officer:

- Patius Africa
- Deanna Williams
- Ailsa Betts
- Deena Chetty

They can be contacted via the school office:

school@downsellprimary.waltham.sch.uk

or by telephone on **0208 556 0103**.

You can also contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on:

0208 496 2310

If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police immediately on 999.

WHAT IS BULLYING?

Downsell Primary school defines bullying as: *the purposeful choosing of behaviours that threaten, intimidate or hurt someone, which is often, but not always, repeated overtime, which involves a real or perceived power imbalance.*

(Anti-Bullying Policy 2021)

It can happen face to face or online. There are many different types of bullying that can be experienced by children and adults alike, some are obvious to spot while others can be more subtle. The different types of bullying that we look at below are **some of the ways** that bullying could be happening.

Physical bullying

Physical bullying includes hitting, kicking, tripping, pinching and pushing or damaging property.

Verbal bullying

Verbal bullying includes name calling, insults, teasing, intimidation, homophobic or racist remarks, or verbal abuse. While verbal bullying can start off harmless, it can escalate to levels which start affecting the individual target.

Social bullying

Social bullying, sometimes referred to as covert bullying, is often harder to recognise and can be carried out behind the bullied person's back. It is designed to harm someone's social reputation and/or cause humiliation. Social bullying includes:

- lying and spreading rumours
- negative facial or physical gestures, menacing or contemptuous looks
- playing nasty jokes to embarrass and humiliate
- mimicking unkindly
- encouraging others to socially exclude someone
- damaging someone's social reputation or social acceptance.

Cyber bullying

Cyber bullying can be overt or covert bullying behaviours using digital technologies, including hardware such as computers and smartphones, and software such as social media, instant messaging, texts, websites and other online platforms.

Cyber bullying can happen at any time. It can be in public or in private and sometimes only known to the target and the person bullying. Cyber bullying can include:

- Abusive or hurtful texts emails or posts, images or videos
- Deliberately excluding others online
- Nasty gossip or rumours



Respect Responsibility Resilience

WHAT THE SCHOOL IS DOING

As a school we take the view that bullying can happen here, therefore all incidents related to bullying are treated seriously and sensitively.

We take a zero-tolerance approach to bullying and actively promote anti-bullying messages through our school ethos and values, specific lessons, assemblies and our engagement with wider initiatives such as Anti-Bullying Week.

Please visit our school website for our Anti-bullying Policy:
www.downsellprimary.org



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK: 15TH—19TH NOVEMBER

Taking part in anti-bullying week is one of the ways in which we seek to raise awareness of bullying in school.

Anti-bullying week is co-ordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance: www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk

The alliance seeks to make anti-bullying work about hope and the positive and kind things we can all do to stop hurtful behaviour.



Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons, that 'One Kind Word' has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week taking place from 15 to 19 of November 2021.

(Taken from Anti-Bullying Alliance webpage)



Parent / Carer Voice

Scan the following QR Code to share your opinion on safeguarding within the school.

