Blackthorn Primary School



Policy Title	Anti-Bullying Policy (Pupil version)
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1. What is bullying?

- Bullying is "a child or group of children hurting another child, multiple times, intentionally, or abusing them physically or emotionally".
 (adapted from DfE "Preventing and Tackling Bullying", July 2017)
- Bullying can include name calling, taunting, mocking, making offensive comments; kicking; hitting; and excluding people from groups.
- This also includes online or cyberbullying. This can include sending offensive, upsetting and inappropriate messages by phone, text, through gaming, websites, social media sites and apps.
- Bullying is a form of child-on-child abuse.
- 2. Forms and types of bullying

Bullying can happen to anyone. It can be related to:

- physical appearance
- children in care or related to home circumstances
- physical/mental health conditions
- Physical bullying
- Emotional bullying
- Sexual bullying
- Online bullying or cyberbullying
- Prejudicial bullying (against people/pupils with protected characteristics):

race, religion, faith and belief and for those without faith

- ethnicity, nationality, or culture
 - Special Educational Needs or Disability (SEND)

3. School ethos

• We recognize that bullying is quite serious and so a simple way to respond to bullying is:





4 Responding to bullying

- Staff will deal with all incidents or reports of bullying.
- The school will support the person being bullied and make sure they are not at risk of harm.
- The teacher or SLT will interview all parties involved.
- Incidents will be recorded.
- Parents will be informed.
- The school's Behaviour Policy will be followed when considering consequences.

5. The Role of Parents

Parents should encourage their children to be a kind and responsible member of the school community. Parents are welcome to speak to the class teacher if they have concerns that their child is being bullied.

