

Tweedmouth Prior Park First School

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Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our school's Anti-Bullying programme we would appreciate it if you would take some time to fill in this questionnaire as a parent of a child at Tweedmouth Prior Park First School. The questionnaire is totally confidential - you do not put your name on it and you may leave out questions if you wish. The questionnaire is a useful tool to help us to further develop anti-bullying strategies in school as we have a responsibility to ensure that your child is safe at school, and that he or she is protected from bullying.

Information on how we manage behaviour in school has been previously distributed in a leaflet to parents. This is available in school along with the school anti-bullying policy should you require a copy.

Definition of bullying

At times people use the word 'bullying' to mean all sorts of unpleasant actions. However it is important, that as you complete this questionnaire, you refer to the following definition, as stated in our school Anti Bullying policy, "Actions that are meant to be hurtful, and which happen on a regular basis. Bullying can be direct (either physical or verbal) or indirect (for example, being ignored or not spoken to).

Being bullied can take many forms

Children and young people can be bullied in ways that are:

- *Physical*-by being punched, pushed or hurt; made to give up money or belongings; have property, clothes or belongings damaged; forced to do something they don't want to do
- *Verbal* – by being teased in a nasty way; called gay, insulted about their race, called names in other ways
- *Indirect* – by having nasty stories told about them; being left out or excluded by other children or young people;
- *Electronic* – known as 'cyberbullying'; for example via computers, mobile phones.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Please return to school by **Friday 25th November**.

Yours sincerely
Pauline Molloy
Mrs P Molloy
Headteacher