



ANTI BULLYING QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS Autumn Term 2016

Dear Parents/Carers and Children

Many thanks for taking the time to fill in the recent questionnaire about bullying incidents in school; 43 out of 145 children replied. (30%)

This is what we found out:

- The first question, “what do you think bullying is?” had a variety of answers but only 17 out of 43 (40%) referred to hurtful actions being repeated.
“Bullying is behaviour by an individual or group, repeated over time, that intentionally hurts another individual or group either physically or emotionally.”(Anti Bullying Policy).
- 49% of children said that they had not been bullied at school and the remaining 51% said that they had been bullied at school.
- 47% of children said they knew someone who had been bullied and 7% said they had bullied someone.
- The place where bullying happens the most is in the playground and almost all replies said this.
- Children seem clear about who they should tell if someone is being bullied in school and almost all replies mentioned a teacher or member of staff. The replies also suggest that children are confident that they are listened to and that the issue will be sorted.
- 98 % of children feel safe in our school and 95% think our school is a happy and caring school.

The questionnaire was a useful tool to help us to further develop anti-bullying strategies as we have a responsibility to ensure that your child is safe at school. I am really pleased that the majority of children in our school feel safe and listened to, but I realise there is still work to do.

The main areas for improvement include:

- Children’s understanding of the term bullying
- Playground vigilance by all school staff
- Trying to encourage a greater response from parents and children on this important issue

Please be assured that these are currently being addressed. As a school, we have a responsibility to respond promptly and effectively to any issues of bullying. However we need to reiterate that bullying is defined as, actions that are meant to be hurtful, and which **happen on a regular basis** and not isolated incidents. As a school we are committed to ensuring the children fully understand the term bullying and you will see below how we explain whether an incident is rude, mean or bullying.

We want you to be confident that the school will listen to your concerns about bullying. However, we can only do this if you inform a member of staff of these concerns.

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. Both are available on the school website.

There were very positive comments from parents about when any problems have arisen, they have been dealt with quickly.

I believe that we can only go forward as a school if we have a strong and open partnership with all parents and seek to address any problems as and when they occur.

Yours sincerely,

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