

WHAT CHILDREN SHOULD DO IF THEY FEEL WORRIED

At appropriate times staff make it clear to children what they should do if they are worried.

If your child complains or feels threatened please encourage him/her to:-

- 1) Talk to the class teacher or any other teacher.
- 2) Talk to the Headteacher.
- 3) Talk to a classroom assistant, dinner lady or any other adult at school.
- 4) Tell you – their parents.

PLEASE REASSURE YOUR CHILD THAT:-

- 1) They will always be listened to and taken seriously.
- 2) There is always someone available to listen to them.
- 3) They must talk to someone. It is right to tell. They are not telling tales.
- 4) Being bullied is not their fault.
- 5) By not telling an adult – they are helping the bully.
- 6) If they are involved in any incident or see someone being hurt they must help them by talking to an adult.

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Bullying is any repeated behaviour that is intended to hurt or upset someone and that makes them feel unhappy or afraid.

For example this can include:-

- Name calling and spreading hurtful rumours.
- Threats to hurt someone.
- Laughing at or ridiculing someone.
- Taking or damaging someone's property.
- Physical contact such as kicking or hitting.
- Making someone do things they do not want to do.

Bullying is not acceptable at Bedgrove and we all try to make sure that it never happens.

ADVICE FOR PARENTS

Bullying can bring about changes in children's behaviour. Signs like these **may** show that a child is being bullied.

They may:-

- Be unwilling to go to school.
- Be underachieving in their school work.
- Become withdrawn or distressed.
- Have their possessions go missing.
- Refuse to say what is wrong and evade the issue.

If you think there may be a problem, please contact the school immediately. There will always be someone available to discuss things with you. You will be listened to, and taken seriously. School should be contacted directly rather than other parents approached.

Other suggestions:-

Give your child a chance to talk about his/her worries.

Never keep bullying a secret. It may continue or get worse.

Never feel that this is your problem. Feel assured that the school is keen to be involved.

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WHAT THE SCHOOL WILL DO

- Help children to be confident and develop their self-esteem.
- Help children develop an understanding of acceptable behaviour.
- Try to create an environment where all children and adults respect each other.
- Encourage children to be aware of their actions and accept responsibility for them.
- Help children develop a responsible attitude towards others.
- Encourage children to be tolerant and show compassion towards others.

If an incident of bullying occurs

- The class teacher will be informed and will try to find out what happened and report this to the Headteacher.
- An appropriate member of staff will talk to the children involved.
- Incidents at lunch time will be reported by the midday supervisors to a teacher or the Headteacher and recorded in order to monitor any reoccurring incidents.
- All incidents will be dealt with in accordance with the school's Behaviour Policy.
- Parents will be informed when deemed necessary.

WHY DO WE HAVE AN ANTI BULLYING POLICY

The Governors and Staff believe that all children at Bedgrove should be able to enjoy a safe and happy environment where they can make progress academically and socially.

We feel that bullying is not a problem at Bedgrove, but accept that no school can claim to be free from all forms of unacceptable behaviour. Although it is not an inevitable part of school life, national studies show that some form of bullying does occur in all schools. It will not be tolerated at Bedgrove Infant School.

Through our Personal and Health Education Programme we try to help children develop an understanding of acceptable behaviour so that bullying does not occur. However if a child feels bullied we will try to deal with the incident in a sensitive and effective way.

The purpose of the policy is to ensure there is a partnership between children, teachers and parents. We hope you will agree that we all need to work together to make school a welcoming place for everyone. This leaflet is to help us achieve this goal.

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Information for Parents and Children



Everyone at Bedgrove is entitled to come to school and feel happy

What should be done if a child feels bullied?

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