

## How is bullying dealt with at East Peckham Primary?

- Children are taught how to monitor bullying and other unkind behaviour in PSHE lessons and special weeks e.g. Anti-bullying and Friendship week. Our learning characters encourage children to collaborate in a range of ways to build good working relationships.
- Children are taught and expected to show kind and friendly behaviour which is modelled by all members of staff.
- When allegations of bullying are made, a senior member of staff will speak to both the suspected bully, the victim and any witnesses (where appropriate) to establish what is happening.
- The head teacher and/or deputy head teacher will meet with the parents of the bully and victim to share information and discuss how best to support their child.
- Mrs Hannan will meet with the children either individually or together to resolve the problems. Where necessary, sanctions are imposed to impress upon the bully the seriousness of their actions.
- The situation will be recorded and monitored by key members of staff
- Actions will be shared to ensure that the victims knows it is being addressed

## Cyber-bullying

Bullying can occur online and via gaming and mobile phones.

It is vital that children's use of the internet, messaging systems and mobiles are closely monitored.

If your child receives unkind or nasty messages from another child at school, keep the message and inform the school.

We take this as seriously as we would an incident that occurs in school.

## Further information

There is Anti-Bullying information on our website. More information can be found on:

[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

Child line 0800 1111

[www.bullying.co.uk](http://www.bullying.co.uk)

Bullying.co.uk 0808 800222



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## Anti-Bullying information for parents

## What is bullying?

Unfortunately everyone can be unkind at times. We want the children to be able to deal with falling out but bullying is taken very seriously at East Peckham Primary School.

Our school defines bullying as:

**“Repeated behaviour by an individual or a group, which intentionally hurts others either physically or emotionally”**

## Types of bullying

Bullying can include: name calling, taunting, mocking, making offensive comments (including the use of the word gay to mean something is rubbish, is wrong, scary or unpleasant); kicking; hitting; pushing; pulling; spitting; taking belongings; producing offensive graffiti; gossiping; excluding people from groups, refusing to talk to a person and spreading hurtful and untruthful rumours.

This includes behaviours online



## Why do children bully?

Children bully for different reasons, including....

- They may be unhappy or going through a difficult time
- To appear stronger in front of their peers
- They may have been bullied in the past
- Pressure from friends
- A feeling of insecurity
- They might not even know how their actions are hurting someone

Bullies must not be allowed to continue their behaviour, but they also need help to change.

## How might I know if my child is being bullied?

If you think your child may be being bullied, there are some questions to ask your child that can be found on our website.

Please speak to us if you have any worries about your child's wellbeing. Mrs Hannan is on hand to listen to your concerns.

## How can I support my child if they are being bullied?

- Reassure your child that they have done the right thing in telling
- Talk calmly with your child and listen to what they say. It is understandable to feel angry but your reaction may prevent them speaking up in the future.
- Explain to your child that they must report any further incidents
- Make an appointment straight away to see your child's class teacher or Mrs Hannan – do not approach the suspected bully or their parents.

## How can I support my child if they are bullying others?

- Listen to your child's explanation
- Explain why their behaviour is unacceptable
- Praise and encourage positive behaviour
- Talk regularly to their class teacher or Mrs Hannan for updates about their behaviour