

Whole School Anti-Bullying Policy

What is it?

“Bullying is behaviour by an individual or group, repeated over time, that intentionally hurts another individual or group either physically or emotionally” (DfE, 2014, p. 6).

Schools have a duty to prevent bullying and to respond to incidents of bullying. Section 89 of the Education and Inspections Act, 2006 provides that “every school must have measures to encourage good behaviour and **prevent all forms of bullying** amongst pupils. These measures should be part of the school’s behaviour policy which must be communicated to all pupils, school staff and parents”.

How does it work?

Schools will have in place a policy on anti-bullying in which it clearly lays out its principles and practices to promote positive behaviour and relationships to prevent incidents of bullying, as well as its interventions to respond robustly to incidents of bullying.

How can we find out more?

- [The use and effectiveness of anti-bullying strategies in schools, DfE 2011](#)
- [Safe to Learn – Anti-bullying Alliance](#)