

What to do if your child is bullying or not behaving in an acceptable way

Work with the school so that a plan of action for home and school can be worked out.

It may take some time.

You may need help outside of school to help work out the reasons why such behaviour is happening.

Further information

This guide is part of the TSF Positive Behaviour Policy inc. Anti-Bullying

Other related documents include:

Positive behaviour and dealing with incidents of bullying—an information guide for staff

TSF Equalities Policy

TSF Online Safety Policy inc AUAs & SSOs

Positive behaviour management A five step approach

- Make sure the children understand **exactly** what is required—even if you sound like a parrot!
- **Teach** them how to behave and respond the way you would like them to—and remember **telling** is not the same as **teaching**.
- Reward the things that they do right—and ignore some of the not so right!
- Treat the **reason** for bad behaviour and not just the behaviour (but don't ask 'Why did you do it?' They won't be able to answer).
- If you lose your temper or you get it wrong—say sorry (remember **everybody** has bad days!).



Positive behaviour and dealing with incidents of bullying

An information guide for
mothers, fathers and carers

What the school does

We ensure that the school is a safe place for children and that they are supervised by adults who know what to do about unacceptable behaviour and bullying including cyber-bullying.

We implement systems and procedures to prevent unacceptable behaviour and bullying through our Positive Behaviour Policy inc Anti-Bullying and our Online Safety Policy inc AUAs & SSOs.

When we see or hear of children in distress we will listen and act, putting the policies and procedures into practice.

Disapproval and action will be directed at the behaviour and not the child.

We teach children to be positive towards each other.

The Headteacher, Mrs Keefe, is responsible for ensuring that unacceptable behaviour and bullying is always confronted.

Online Safety

Please report your concerns about online safety to our Online Safety Leads (Mrs Burton & Mr Allen).

Unacceptable behaviour

includes such things as: name calling, swearing, frightening or threatening, physical aggression including play fighting, excluding or ignoring, damaging or stealing or hiding someone's possessions, derogatory comments or actions relating to race, religion or beliefs, class or culture, gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, health or appearance, home situation, special educational needs or disabilities, cyber activities.

Not all unacceptable behaviour is bullying.

Definition of Bully n. *A person who habitually seeks to harm or intimidate those whom they perceive to be vulnerable.*

Bullying is not when children fall out or don't get on with one another.

What you can do

- Talk to your child about the Golden Rules and staying safe online rules and make it clear you expect the rules to be followed.
- Don't encourage your child to hit back—it only makes matters worse.
- Always try to find out the full facts of any incident.
- Talk to your child about using social skills such as compromise and negotiation rather than force or threats.
- Younger children learn to give a visual sign—to hold a hand up in front of themselves, palm facing the other person or child—and say 'Stop, I don't like it'. This is clear and assertive.
- Do remind your child to tell an adult in school straight away if they are upset.

What to do if your child is unhappy about behaviour or bullying at school

Come in to school to talk to us in private. This avoids any possibility of a confrontation developing in the playground. We can then work out a plan together.