

ANTI-BULLYING POLICY



Sutton Park School believes that our students have the right to learn in a supportive, caring and safe environment without the fear of being bullied.

Bullying affects everyone. It is not an inevitable part of school life, and rarely sorts itself out. Bullying whether verbal, physical, emotional or cyber, will not be tolerated by this school.

Within the ethos of Sutton Park School we encourage disclosure and open discussion in relation to all incidents of bullying. The school takes practical action to prevent bullying, and has clear procedures for reporting, investigating and resolving incidents of bullying.

We believe in a pro-active, positive and restorative approach to the resolution of bullying within the school.

It is the responsibility of the school to deal with reported incidents of bullying involving students; during school hours; going to / from school; on school trips; extra-curricular activities; communicating via cyber space.

We are an open and honest community - Unless bullying incidents are reported, the school cannot help.

Students and parents can help counteract bullying by:-

- Report bullying – telling someone you trust e.g. an adult or friend / buddy and keep telling until someone helps you.
- Being assertive – telling them to stop
- Being assertive – standing up for a fellow student who is being bullied
- Being assured – knowing that as a victim, you are not to blame

I _____ undertake to observe and support Sutton Park School's Anti-Bullying Code for the 2011/12 academic year (the full Policy is available to download from www.suttonparkschool.com).

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature