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Anti-Bullying

Date	Review Date	Author	Pupils and Curriculum Committee
November 16	November 2020	S Kay	Updated from previous 2012 policy
November 2021	November 2025		Updated

We believe this policy relates to the following legislation:

- Children Act 1989
- School Standards and Framework Act 1998
- Education Act 2002
- Education and Inspections Act 2006
- Equality Act 2010
- Education Act 2011

The following documentation is also related to this policy:

- Action on Bullying (Estyn 2014)
- Bullying: Effective Action in Secondary Schools (Ofsted)
- Cyberbullying: Supporting School Staff (DCSF)
- No Place for Bullying (Ofsted 2012)
- Preventing and Tackling Bullying - Advice for School Leaders, Staff and Governing Bodies (DfE)
- Safe from Bullying: Guidance for Local Authorities and Other Strategic Leaders on Reducing Bullying in the Community (DCSF)

We acknowledge the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 that clearly states that all maintained schools must have in place an Anti-Bullying Policy that outlines procedures in order to prevent bullying among pupils.

We have a duty of care to protect pupils from bullying as part of our responsibility to provide a safe, secure, caring and friendly school environment for all the children in order to protect them from those who wish to deliberately hurt them either physically or emotionally. We believe all our safeguarding procedures are in line with Sections 3(5) and 87(1) of the Children Act 1989 and Section 157 of the Education Act 2002 and that we promote the welfare of all children in our care.



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'There are many definitions of bullying, but most consider it to be:

- deliberately hurtful (including aggression);
 - repeated often over a period of time, while recognising that even a one-off incident can leave a learner traumatised and nervous of future recurrence; and
 - difficult for victims to defend themselves against.
- (Respecting Others: Anti-Bullying Overview (Welsh Government 2011))

We believe bullying takes many forms such as emotional (including social exclusion), physical, verbal, and the misuse of mobile phones and Internet social networking websites. It is our duty to look out for all signs of bullying and to take the appropriate action to stop it. All forms of bullying must be challenged, dealt with and recorded.

We believe it is our moral and legal duty to protect all pupils and school personnel from all forms of racist, sexist, transphobic, homophobic bullying and any bullying based on learning difficulties and disabilities.

We believe by creating a safe, secure and caring school environment we will encourage all pupils to report any incident of bullying to a member of the school personnel.

Under no circumstances will we tolerate any form of bullying and all incidents of bullying will be dealt with promptly and effectively as we wish to promote the wellbeing of all pupils.

Aims & Objectives

- To protect pupils from bullying as part of our responsibility to provide a safe, secure, caring and friendly school environment for all children.
- To look out for all signs of bullying and to take the appropriate action to stop it.
- To develop a school environment that is both safe and secure for all pupils.
- To have in place established systems that will deal with incidents of bullying.
- To develop confident children who will notify staff of any incident of bullying.
- To inform everyone connected with the school of the school's anti-bullying policy.
- To work with other schools to share good practice in order to improve this policy.



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Responsibility for the Policy and Procedure

Role of the Governing Body

The Governing Body will not condone any bullying and has:

- appointed all members of staff to be responsible for promoting positive pupil behaviour;
- delegated powers and responsibilities to the Headteacher to eliminate all forms of bullying, to keep records of all incidents of bullying and the different types of bullying;
- delegated powers and responsibilities to the Headteacher to ensure all school personnel and visitors to the school are aware of and comply with this policy;
- responsibility for ensuring that the school complies with all equalities legislation;
- nominated a Committee (Pupils and Curriculum) to ensure that appropriate action will be taken to deal with all prejudice related incidents or incidents which are a breach of this policy;
- responsibility for ensuring funding is in place to support this policy if needed.
- responsibility for ensuring this policy and all policies are maintained and updated regularly;
- responsibility for ensuring all policies are made available to parents;
- responsibility for the effective implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this policy

Role of the Headteacher

Under Section 157 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 the Headteacher has a duty to encourage good behaviour, the respect for others and to prevent all forms of bullying among pupils.

Therefore, the Headteacher will:

- implement this policy;
- ensure that all school personnel are aware of the policy;
- work to create a safe, secure, caring and friendly school environment for all the children;
- ensure school personnel have a clear understanding of the extent and nature of bullying that may take place in school;
- ensure that personal and social education curriculum and the religious education curriculum helps to deal with anti-bullying;
- investigate all reported incidents of bullying;
- ensure that all pupils understand that bullying is wrong;
- ensure that all parents aware of this policy and that we do not tolerate bullying;
- raise awareness of bullying with pupils, parents, school personnel and governors on the grounds of protected characteristics;



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- consult with pupils and parents to identify the extent and nature of bullying in the school;
- inform parents of any incident of bullying and how it has been dealt with;
- ensure school personnel report and record incidents of bullying;
- keep records of all incidents of bullying;
- use records of incidents effectively to track pupils through school;
- keep records in a central log in order to build up a picture of concerns of individual pupils and in identifying patterns of behaviour;
- discuss with the school council:
 - A definition for bullying.
 - Are pupils aware of this policy?
 - How can bullying be effectively dealt with?
 - How good are school personnel in dealing with incidents of bullying?
 - How good are school personnel in identifying the symptoms of bullying amongst pupils?
- support any pupil who has been bullied;
- encourage any bully to change their behaviour;
- impose sanctions on any pupil who continues to bully;
- consider permanent exclusion in the most serious incidents of bullying;
- make effective use of relevant research and information to improve this policy;
- work closely with external agencies to support pupils who experience bullying;
- ensure effective supervision is in place between lessons, break times and lunchtimes;
- work with the wider community to deal with bullying that takes place outside school;
- deal with any form of bullying that takes place to and from school;
- proactively work with the police, parents/carers and the local community to help reduce local tensions;
- work closely with the pupils and staffing committee;
- provide leadership and vision in respect of equality;
- provide guidance, support and training to all staff;
- monitor the effectiveness of this policy by monitoring:
 - the number of recorded incidents in an academic year;
 - the types of bullying that occur in an academic year;
 - how swiftly incidents of bullying are dealt with
- report termly the number of incidents of bullying and the outcomes to the Governing Body;
- annually report to the Governing Body on the success and development of this policy
- lead the development of this policy and all linked policies throughout the school;
- provide guidance and support to all school personnel to understand the signs or behaviour of someone being bullied;



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- work with children to determine those parts of the school where they do not feel safe;
- plan age-appropriate opportunities in the curriculum to discuss issues related to the protected characteristics;
- build pupils' resilience to bullying;
- ensure good arrangements are in place for pupils transferring from the primary to the secondary phase;
- work closely with external agencies to support pupils who experience bullying;
- collaboratively work with other schools to identify common issues related to the protected characteristics;
- make effective use of relevant research and information to improve this policy;
- keep up to date with new developments and resources;
- provide training for all staff on induction and when the need arises;
- help counsel children who have been bullied and those who use bullying behaviour;
- review and monitor;
- annually report to the Governing Body on the success of this policy.

Role of the Pupils and Curriculum Committee

The Pupils and Curriculum committee will:

- work closely with the Headteacher
- ensure this policy and other linked policies are up to date;
- ensure that everyone connected with the school is aware of this policy;
- attend training related to this policy;
- report to the Governing Body every term;
- annually report to the Governing Body on the success and development of this policy

Role of School Personnel

School personnel will:

- comply with this policy;
- be aware of all other linked policies;
- be aware of the signs of bullying in order to prevent bullying taking place;
- report all incidents of bullying;
- investigate all reported incidents of bullying;
- take all forms of bullying seriously;
- make sure that all pupils know what to do if they are bullied;
- encourage pupils to report any incidents of bullying to any member of the school personnel;
- support any pupil who has been bullied;



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- raise awareness of the wrongs of bullying through personal and social education and religious education;
- use preventative strategies such as circle time and buddy systems;
- undertake the appropriate training;
- implement the school's equalities policy and schemes;
- report and deal with all incidents of discrimination;
- attend appropriate training sessions on equality;
- report any concerns they have on any aspect of the school community.

Role of Pupils

Pupils must:

- be aware of and comply with this policy;
- report if they are being bullied;
- report if they see someone being bullied;
- discuss ways of preventing bullying through the school council;
- encouraged to follow the following instructions if they are bullied:
 - get away from the situation as quickly as you can
 - report what happened to you to one of the school personnel by telling them:
 - what has happened to you
 - how it made you feel
 - if you have been bullied before
 - who bullied you
 - where the incident happened
 - when it happened
 - make sure that your report is dealt with and who you told
 - tell your parents or another family member
 - ask for counselling if you are really upset
- treat others, their work and equipment with respect;
- talk to others without shouting and will use language which is neither abusive nor offensive;
- support the school Behaviour Code and guidance necessary to ensure the smooth running of the school;
- take part in questionnaires and surveys.

Role of the School Council



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The School Council will be involved in:

- agreeing a definition for bullying with parents, school personnel and the Governing Body;
- organising surveys to gauge the thoughts of all pupils;
- reviewing the effectiveness of this policy with the Governing Body

Role of Parents

Parents must:

- be aware of and support this policy;
- be involved in agreeing a definition for bullying with pupils, school personnel and the Governing Body;
- report to the school any concerns they have of their child being bullied;
- be assured that the school will deal with all incidents of bullying;
- be assured that they will be informed of incidents and will be involved in discussions;
- be asked to take part periodic surveys conducted by the school;
- support the school Behaviour Code and guidance necessary to ensure smooth running of the school.

Training for School Personnel

All school personnel:

- have equal chances of training, career development and promotion through the 5 year pathway which will include:
 - What is bullying?
 - How to identify, prevent and manage bullying.
 - Types of bullying such as online bullying, bullying, bullying of children with special educational needs, homophobic bullying and bullying around race, religion, gender and culture.
 - Recognising bullying.
 - Anti-bullying strategies.
 - How to deal with a bullying incident.
 - Counselling the bullied and the bullies.
 - Anti-bullying week.
 - Tackling Homophobia
 - Building pupils resilience to bullying.
 - Working and co-operating with parents and carers



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- receive periodic training so that they are kept up to date with new information

Records

- Records will be kept in a uniform and systematic way.
- All reported incidents of bullying are investigated, dealt with and recorded.
- Records will be kept of all incidents as well as specific types of bullying and their outcomes.
- All incidents are categorised according to the protected characteristics which gives a clear picture of patterns of behaviour over each term/academic year.
- Records of incidents will be used to effectively track pupils through school;
- Records will be kept in a central log in order to build up a picture of concerns of individual pupils and in identifying patterns of behaviour;
- Parents are informed of all events and what actions have been taken.

Counselling

- Counselling may be required in order to help someone deal with the effects of bullying
- All perpetrators of bullying are given time to discuss why they have bullied and why their actions were wrong.

Raising Awareness of this Policy

We will raise awareness of this policy via:

- the school website
- the Staff Handbook
- meetings with parents such as introductory, transition, parent-teacher consultations and periodic curriculum workshops
- school events
- meetings with school personnel
- communications with home such as weekly newsletters
- reports such annual report to parents and Headteacher reports to the Governing Body
- information displays in the main school entrance

Monitoring the Effectiveness of the Policy

The practical application of this policy will be reviewed every four years or when the need arises by the Headteacher and the Pupils and Curriculum Committee.



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A statement of the policy's effectiveness and the necessary recommendations for improvement will be presented to the Governing Body for further discussion and endorsement. (See Policy Evaluation)

Linked Policies

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pupil Behaviour & Discipline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child Protection and PREVENT Policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ E-safety Policy 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acceptable Internet Use Agreement 	

Headteacher:		Date:	
Chair of Governing Body:		Date:	



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Initial Equality Impact Assessment

Please complete an initial equality impact assessment once this policy has been customised to suit your purposes.

Policy Title	The aim(s) of this policy	Existing policy (✓)	New/Proposed Policy (✓)	Updated Policy (✓)
			✓	

This policy affects or is likely to affect the following members of the school community (✓)	Pupils	School Personnel	Parents/carers	Governors	School Volunteers	School Visitors	Wider School Community

Question	Equality Groups																		Conclusion										
	Age			Disability			Gender			Gender identity			Pregnancy or maternity			Race			Religion or belief			Sexual orientation			Yes	No			
Does or could this policy have a negative impact on any of the following?	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	✓	✓	
	✓			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓						✓	
Does or could this policy help promote equality for any of the following?	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Yes	No
	✓			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓	
Does data collected from the equality groups have a positive impact on this policy?	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Yes	No
	✓			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓	

Conclusion We have come to the conclusion that after undertaking an initial equality impact assessment that a full assessment is not required.

Preliminary EIA completed by _____ Date _____ Preliminary EIA approved by _____ Date _____



Partney
Church of England (Aided)
Primary School

Curiosity Compassion Courage

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Policy Evaluation

Points to be considered	Yes	No	N/A	Please supply evidence
• Policy annually reviewed				
• Policy in line with current legislation				
• Coordinator in place				
• Nominated governor in place				
• Coordinator carries out role effectively				
• Headteacher, coordinator and nominated governor work closely				
• Policy endorsed by governing body				
• Policy regularly discussed at meetings of the governing body				
• School personnel aware of this policy				
• School personnel comply with this policy				
• Pupils aware of this policy				
• Parents aware of this policy				
• Visitors aware of this policy				
• Local community aware of this policy				
• Funding in place				
• Policy complies with the Equality Act				
• Equality Impact Assessment undertaken				
• Policy referred to the School Handbook				
• Policy available from the school office				
• Policy available from the school website				
• School Council involved with policy development				
• All stakeholders take part in questionnaires and surveys				
• All associated training in place				
• All outlined procedures complied with				
• Linked policies in place and up to date				
• Associated policies in place and up to date				



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A statement outlining the overall effectiveness of this policy

Policy Approval Form

Policy Title:						Date when written:			
Policy written by:					New Policy (✓ or x)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Revised Policy (✓ or x)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Stakeholders consulted in policy production: (✓ or x)	Governors	Senior Leadership Team	Teaching Personnel	Support Personnel	Administrative Personnel	Parents	Pupils	Local Community	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date when approved by Governors:			Date when presented to stakeholders:			Date when implemented:			
Published on: (✓ or x)	School Website			School Prospectus			Staff Handbook		
	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>		