



# Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

## Our Anti-Bullying Statement

We believe that all children have a right to be able to come to school and feel safe. As a school we take bullying and its impact seriously. Pupils and parents should be assured that known incidents of bullying will be responded to and bullying will not be tolerated. The Catholic ethos of our school acknowledges that every human being is made in the image and likeness of God and so we foster high expectations of outstanding behaviour, and we will consistently challenge any behaviour that falls below this.

***'Bullying is behaviour by an individual or group, repeated over time, that intentionally hurts another individual or group either physically or emotionally.'***

*'Preventing and tackling bullying. Advice for headteachers, staff and governing bodies'* DFE July 2017

Bullying can take place in the classroom, playground, toilets, on the journey to and from school, on residential trips and cyberspace. It can take place in group activities and between families in the local community.

Bullying takes place where there is an imbalance of power of one person or persons over another.

The main types of bullying are:

Emotional	Being unfriendly, excluding, forcing others to do things they do not want to do, tormenting (e.g. hiding books, threatening gestures)
Physical	Pushing, kicking, biting, hitting, punching or any use of violence
Racial	Racial taunts, graffiti, gestures
Direct or indirect	Verbal name-calling, sarcasm, spreading rumours, teasing
Cyber bullying	Mobile threats by text messaging and calls. Misuse of associated technology, i.e. camera and video facilities, iPad, games consoles. All areas of internet, such as email, Snapchat, Whatsapp, Twitter, Facebook.

Our Behaviour Policy is framed to tackle the early signs of inappropriate behaviour, including bullying, and to ensure that all members of our school community are well aware of the need to care for and respect each other. One of our 6 C's is to be compassionate and our ultimate aim is to 'Just be Kind'.

### Advice for Pupils

- When someone is being bullied, take action. Watching and doing nothing can suggest support for the bully.
- Pupils should inform an adult immediately.
- Do not accept bullying within your social/peer group.
- It is the behaviour of the bully which is unacceptable. We need to know who the bullies are so that we can help them.

## **Charter of Rights for Pupils**

I have a right:

- to come to school without fear
- to stand up for myself if I am being bullied
- to go to a teacher and be listened to
- to be judged equally no matter which gender, race or belief I have

## **Advice to parents**

As the parent of a child you suspect is being bullied:

- Report bullying incidents to the class teacher
- Incidents will be recorded by staff, and the Headteacher will be notified
- In serious cases, parents will be asked to come to a meeting to discuss the problem
- Bullying behaviour or threats of bullying will be investigated and dealt with quickly
- We will work to help the child using unacceptable behaviour towards others to change their behaviour
- If necessary and appropriate, police will be consulted
- Parents will be kept informed throughout the process

Do not:

- Attempt to sort out the problem yourself by speaking to the child whom you think may be behaving inappropriately towards your child, or by speaking to their parents
- Encourage your child to be a 'bully' back

Both of these will only make the problem much harder to solve.

For more information about bullying or for further help and support please see the link below:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>