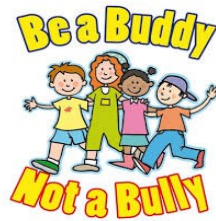


### What if my child is a bully?

It often comes as a big surprise to parents/ carers that their child could be a bully. It may be hard to spot. There are many reasons why some young people bully others. Sometimes, it's because they are copying someone else or being encouraged to bully or it might be because they are going through a difficult time or because they haven't learnt other ways of mixing with children at school.

**It is very important to deal with these kinds of issues straight away. You should:**

- \* talk with your child and explain why bullying is wrong
- \* make an appointment to speak to someone, a class teacher for example, to talk about how the bullying can be dealt with ensure that your child feels safe at home.



### Useful websites

<http://victoria-road.eschools.co.uk/website/policies/258081>

<http://www.bullying.co.uk/>

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/keeping-children-safe/>



# Victoria Road Primary School

## What is Bullying?



*Information for Parents/Carers*



**Bullying is 'behaviour by an individual or group, repeated over time, that intentionally hurts another individual or group either physically or emotionally'. (DfE "Preventing and Tackling Bullying", October 2014)**

It is a primary aim at Victoria Road Primary School that every member of the school community feels valued and respected, and that each person is treated fairly and well.

### **What are the different types of bullying?**

As a school, we recognise that from time to time instances of bullying behaviour may occur. Bullying is intentional behaviour and involves an imbalance of power between the bully and the person being bullied. Bullying is not a one off incident, however unpleasant. Bullying happens persistently and may take the following forms:

**Homophobic Bullying, Racist Bullying, Cyber-Bullying, Physical and Verbal**

### **Bullying Prevention**

Preventing and raising awareness of bullying is essential in order to keep incidents in our school to a minimum. Through assemblies, themed anti-bullying weeks and PSHE lessons, children are given regular opportunities to discuss what bullying is, as well as incidents we would not describe as bullying, such as two friends falling out, or a one-off argument.

Children are taught to tell an adult in school if they are concerned that they, or someone else, is being bullied.

### **What should I do if I believe my child is being bullied?**

- \* Calmly talk to your child about it, and make a note of what your child says about those involved, and where and what has happened, and how often incidents have occurred
- \* explain that any further incidents should be reported to a teacher immediately
- \* see your child's teacher
- \* ask for help
- \* persist until it is sorted out.



### **What will school do if a child thinks they are being bullied?**

- \* If a child tells us that he/she is being bullied, we will listen carefully and sensitively.
- \* The alleged bully will have the incident(s) discussed with them by a member of staff.
- \* The member of staff will inform the Headteacher of any reported incidents
- \* If the incident(s) are occurring at playtime or lunchtime, we will ensure other members of staff (e.g. Midday staff) are aware and ask them to watch for incidents.
- \* Parents are informed of the incidents and made aware of the outcomes.
- \* If the incident(s) are repeated, it may be necessary for the Class Teacher to be involved in a joint meeting with the Headteacher and parents.