

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE BEING BULLIED.

Tell the person that you do not like their behaviour. The person may not realise they are causing distress.

OR

You could say:
Please stop
Stop saying that / doing that. I don't like it.

OR

You may wish to talk to someone about it or get some help to deal with the situation. The school has a number of people who are able to help you.

They will listen to you, they will believe you and they will help you.

People to see:

Principal: Mr Chiswell

Any Teacher:



Macclesfield Primary School considers bullying an unacceptable form of behaviour.

The school supports the right of all to work and play in an environment free from bullying.

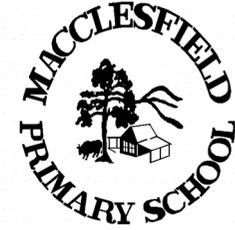
All persons have a legal right to protection against bullying.

This brochure outlines clearly what is meant by bullying.

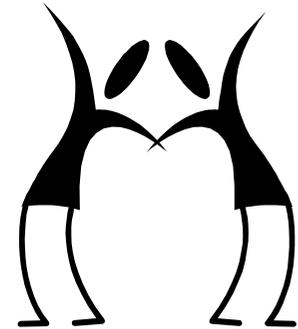
Students who continue to offend will undergo further education / parent involvement and implementation of DET guidelines (Effective Schools are Engaging Schools) and the guidelines governing suspension / expulsion and will also be disciplined accordingly.

We use the Assertive Discipline approach with clearly defined procedures.

Our school uses the Restorative Practices approach to ensure that students understand the impact on others of their behaviour and this empowers students to seek a resolution to school issues.



Bullying Awareness



The aim of our Student Welfare Program and Bullying Awareness

Our Student Welfare Program and this brochure regarding bullying is aimed at ensuring a more safe and happy environment for all.

WHAT IS BULLYING?

Bullying is any verbal or physical behaviour that is unwelcome / targeted to cause distress / repeated negative behaviour towards a student or group.

BULLYING MAY INCLUDE:

- Unwelcome physical contact.
- Put downs / name calling.
- Unwelcome questions about a person's private life.
- Jokes about a person & teasing.
- Offensive drawings or notes about, or to a person.
- Offensive comments about a person's family or lifestyle.
- Deliberately isolating a person from their friends.
- Standover tactics, threatening looks & gestures.

EFFECTS OF BULLYING ON STUDENTS:

- Poor health.
- Missed classes, school refusal.
- Feeling unsafe in the playground or classroom.
- Lack of participation.

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- Bullying can sometimes be unintentional. Check your own behaviour by:
 - Asking if it is offensive or inappropriate
 - Stop doing something when asked
 - Apologise if necessary
 - Taking it seriously if someone says they are feeling uncomfortable
 - Asking-'Am I showing off?'

REACTIONS TO BULLYING:

Can't take a joke:

- This is the most common response bullies use.
- Bullying is **NOT** a joke.
- Jokes are only funny when **BOTH** people are having fun.

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It won't. If anything ignoring it will make it worse—you will give the impression that it is OK with you and that you agree with the situation.

Am I to blame:

Bullies often accuse people of 'asking for it'.

Some people believe that charges of bullying are made to 'get at' a person. In fact, most people are afraid to complain for fear of not

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