



9th November 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

Odd Sock Day – Monday 13th November 2023

Anti-Bullying week is from 13-17th November and during the week, we will be running a series of events to highlight the effects of bullying and what students can do to stop it from happening.

This year, the Anti-Bullying Alliance's theme for Anti-Bullying Week is 'Make a Noise About Bullying'.

The theme of 'Make A Noise' came about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

Following the success of the campaign in 2022 – when 80% of schools marked the week, reaching over 7.5 million children and young people – Anti-Bullying Week will remind everyone whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, we can bring an end to bullying.

Learning to understand and manage conflict is an important part of growing up. Bullying is not simply a 'falling out'. Research shows that experiencing bullying can have a significant impact on a child's life well into adulthood, therefore, we will use this week to highlight the definition of bullying, the different types and what students can do if they are experiencing it.

Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will be presenting in assemblies throughout the week and highlighting issues both Nationwide and specifically in our School. There will also be activities within Form Time.

On Monday 13th November, we will be joining the Anti-Bullying Alliance in supporting Odd Sock Day and we are asking all students to show their support by coming to School on Monday wearing odd socks. The day sends an important message that we should all be allowed to be ourselves, free from bullying, and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.

Students are still expected to attend School in full uniform but we are asking that they wear odd socks to show they stand up against bullying and become upstanders both in School and in the wider community.

Yours faithfully,

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