

# **Stonebow Primary School**

## **Children's Anti-Bullying Policy**

### **What is bullying?**

Bullying can happen everywhere around us. Everybody in the school community should feel valued, equal and respected and should be able to come to school without any worries. At Stonebow, we define bullying as:

'Behaviour by an individual or group repeated over time that intentionally hurts somebody else'.

We use the STOP acronym, which stands for Several Times On Purpose, to help us understand the difference between bullying and fall outs.

It can be:

- **Physical** – hitting, kicking, stealing or hiding belongings.
- **Verbal** - name calling, insults, offensive remarks, threatening language, teasing
- **Indirect** - spreading rumours or stories, graffiti.
- **Cyber** - All areas of the internet, such as email & internet chat room misuse, mobile threats by text messaging & calls, misuse of associated technology, i.e. camera & video facilities
- **Racist** – being unkind to somebody because of the colour of their skin, the country they are from or their beliefs.
- **Homophobic** – having or showing a dislike against homosexual people.
- **Targeting others who are in some way vulnerable**, such as elderly people, disabled people or those with learning difficulties.

We will not accept bullying at our school. We want to promote a culture where children can share a worry in a supportive environment. Everybody should feel safe at Stonebow.

### **What to do if you are worried that you or someone else is being bullied?**

Speak to your families, class teacher or an adult in your classroom (directly or through the worry boxes).

### **What will happen next?**

Your teacher will speak to you and possibly other children who are involved. If your teacher is concerned, they might speak to the head teacher who may then investigate this further. Your teacher or the head teacher will speak to your parents and possibly the parents of the other children involved. We don't want you to worry about this, as this is the best way to make the situation better. Staff in school will log and monitor any bullying incidents raised.

In review of our school's Anti-Bullying Policy, we would like to share with you our new children's version. During Anti-Bullying Week in November, Years 5 and 6 reviewed our current policy. Their feedback was that they would like a more child friendly version for them to understand. We would greatly appreciate your feedback on this new version by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**.

Thank you in advance,  
Mrs Bailey, Miss Walsh and Mrs Mistry.

I/We have received the new children's Anti-Bullying Policy.

Feedback on policy:

Name of child:

Child's class teacher: