



Home-grown in Malvern **Bullying Policy**

We will not permit any form of bullying

Bullying can be:

- Physical: pushing, kicking, hitting, biting etc
- Verbal: Name-calling, sarcasm, rumour spreading and teasing
- Emotional: Excluding, ridicule, humiliation, tormenting
- Racist: taunts, graffiti and gestures

Being bullied can result in the victim having depression, low self-esteem, shyness, poor academic achievement, isolation and in extreme cases threatened or attempted suicide.

If a bully is left unchecked, they will learn they can get away with violence and aggression. A bully has a higher chance of acquiring a criminal record and not being able to have good relationships when they become an adult.

If we have any concerns that a child in our care is being bullied at the setting or is bullying, we will discuss the matter with you immediately. We will work with you to support your child to resolve the problem.

If your child is being bullied:

- We will reassure them that the bullying is not their fault;
- We will work to try to build their confidence;
- We will work with you to help the child to develop techniques to deal with the bully- assertiveness, walking away etc.

If your child is the bully:

- We will talk to them about their actions;
- We will reassure them that we care about them but explain that their behaviour isn't acceptable, and we will work with them to help change this;
- We will work with your child to find ways to make amends for their actions;
- We will develop a reward structure for good behaviour if appropriate;
- We will discuss the matter with you, not in front of your child, to see if there are any problems that may have triggered the bullying.

If you have any concerns regarding your child please discuss them with a member of staff as soon as possible. It is much better to deal with these problems before they become major issues.

Signed:

Date reviewed: