



**Child-Friendly  
Anti-Bullying Policy**

# Heygarth Primary School

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### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

'Learning and Achieving Together for Life.'

We believe that we can make a difference by working together so that our children are well educated and acquire the essential skills that they need for the future.....for life.

### SCHOOL AIMS

At Heygarth Primary School we believe that Every Child Matters and we aim to:

- Provide a **broad, rich and creative curriculum** that will challenge and support pupils to enable them to reach their full potential;
- Develop children's **respect for themselves and for others** and a sense of pride in their community so that they can become **good citizens**;
- Provide a **safe and secure** learning community where the whole child can develop (academically, socially, emotionally, physically, culturally and creatively) and where all achievement is celebrated;
- Make learning relevant and fun in order to foster a lifelong love of learning;
- Be a **fully inclusive** school where all members of the community have **equal opportunities** - children, parents, volunteers, staff and governors and where positive contributions are valued;
- Promote an understanding of the need to **take responsibility for any actions** and to consider the **related consequences**.

Heygarth Primary School is a place where everyone has the right to be themselves. It's a place where everyone can feel safe, be happy and learn.

Everyone at our school is equal and acts with respect and kindness towards each other.

### WHAT IS BULLYING?

Bullying is when a person is hurtful or unkind to someone else, on purpose and more than once. Bullying can be done by one person or by a group of people and can be towards one person or a group of people. A useful way to remember bullying is:

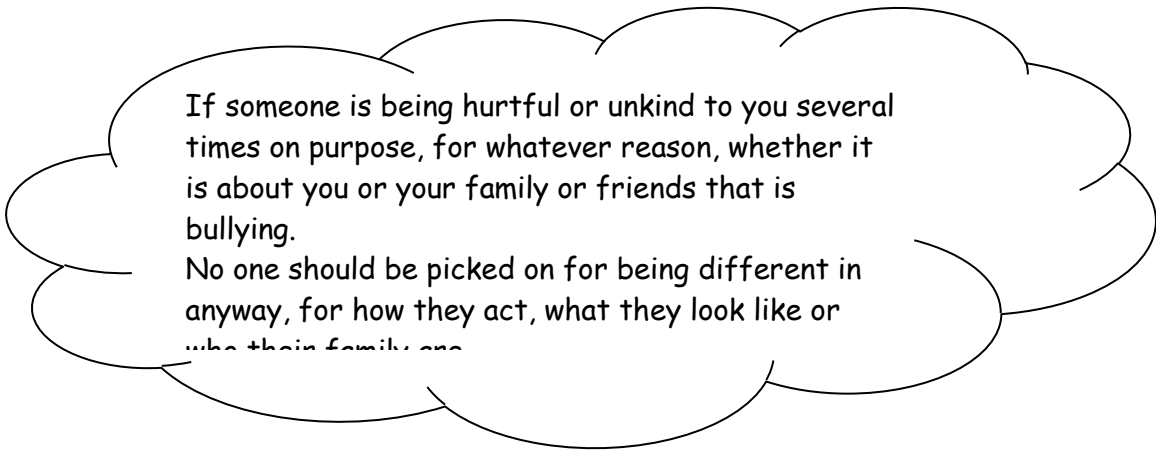
## SEVERAL TIMES ON PURPOSE

**Bullying can be:**

- Hitting or saying you are going to hit someone;
- Touching someone when they don't want you to;
- Calling someone names, teasing, using rude language or saying nasty things about someone to them or to other people;
- Stealing or damaging someone else's belongings;
- Ignoring someone on purpose or leaving them out;
- Sending hurtful or unkind texts, emails or online messages to someone or about someone.

Bullying can be about:

- Race or ethnicity (racist bullying);
- Religion or belief;
- Family and culture;
- Sexist bullying, which is bullying someone because of their gender. For example, because they are a boy or a girl, or saying they are acting 'like a boy' or 'like a girl';
- Homophobic or biphobic bullying. This is saying unkind or nasty things because someone is lesbian, gay or bisexual, or because you think they are, or because they have two mums or two dads. It is also calling someone lesbian, gay or bisexual on purpose to be unkind or nasty to them, for example 'you're so gay!'
- Transphobic bullying. This is saying unkind things because someone is trans, or because you think they are trans, or being nasty about trans people (someone who feels the gender they are given as a baby doesn't match the gender that they feel themselves to be);
- Special Educational Needs or disability;
- What someone looks like;
- Where someone lives.



If someone is being hurtful or unkind to you several times on purpose, for whatever reason, whether it is about you or your family or friends that is bullying.

No one should be picked on for being different in anyway, for how they act, what they look like or who their family are

### **WHY DOES BULLYING HAPPEN?**

Although bullying doesn't happen very much at this school it might happen. Bullies can be older or younger than you, bigger or smaller than you. Bullies pick on people who may be different in some way and try to make them feel worse about themselves. If you are being bullied remember that it is never your fault.

### **WHERE DOES BULLYING HAPPEN?**

Bullying can happen at school, after school or online.

### **WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I THINK SOMEONE IS BEING BULLIED?**

Talk to the person and ask if they're ok and try to find out if they are being bullied. If they are, ask if you can help them talk to a teacher or an adult they trust.

### **WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I'M BEING BULLIED?**

If you are being bullied it is important to tell someone you trust. Tell an adult or friends, either at school or at home. If you have already told an adult about bullying you can still tell them again. You can:

- Tell a teacher - your class teacher or any other teacher;
- Tell a Peer Mediator who will be able to help you;
- Tell any other adult staff in school - such as Midday Supervisors, Teaching Assistants or office staff;
- Tell an adult at home;
- You can also write a note about the bullying and put it in a 'Worry Box';
- You can also call ChildLine at any time for free on 0800 1111. They will not tell anyone else about what you have said.

If you tell a teacher or an adult at school they will be able to help you. They may tell another teacher like your class teacher, or a parent or carer so that they can help you. Telling an adult will never make the bullying worse. They will talk to you and the bully to find ways to stop the bullying.

This policy will be shared regularly with children and be available for children to refer to within their classrooms.

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