

Meriden Church of England Primary School

Anti-bullying information sheet for parents



Several Times On Purpose
Start Telling Other People

Is it bullying?

If individuals or groups are:

- calling your child names;
- threatening him/her;
- pressuring your child to give someone money or possessions;
- hitting your child;
- damaging your child's possessions;
- spreading rumours about your child or your family;
- using text, email or web space to write or say hurtful things about your child (cyberbullying)
- making your child feel hurt because of things said about their ethnic background, religious faith, gender, sexuality, disability, special educational need, appearance or specific issues in your family.

YOU NEED TO TELL US

What should you do if your child is being bullied?

Talk to school staff about the bullying. At our school your first contact point to report concerns about bullying is your child's class teacher. They are best contacted on 01676 522488, by email at office@meriden.solihull.sch.uk or in person if possible.

- It will help to sort out what action to take if you can bear in mind that the teacher may have no idea that your child is being bullied or may have heard conflicting accounts of an incident
- Be as specific as possible about what your child says has happened; give dates, places and names of other pupils involved
- Make a note of what action the school intends to take
- Ask if there is anything you can do to help your child
- Stay in touch with the school; let them know if things improve, as well as if problems continue.

What will school do?

Meriden Primary School does not tolerate bullying. This is what we do about bullying:

- Work to make sure that the person being bullied is safe
- Work to stop the bullying happening again
- Provide support to the person being bullied
- Follow the school behaviour management steps
- Take actions to ensure that the person doing the bullying learns not to harm others.

Families who feel that their concerns are not being addressed appropriately by the school might like to consider the following steps:

- Check with the school anti-bullying policy to see if agreed procedures are being followed
- Make an appointment to discuss the matter with the head teacher and keep a record of the meeting
- If this does not help, write to the chair of governors explaining your concerns and what you would like to see happening.