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Bullying at School

When I read the 'Parent View' comments at the time of our last Ofsted Inspection in September 2014, I was surprised to see that parents feel that Bullying is an issue for their child.

The Governors of the school have requested that I work more closely with parents to have a greater understanding of types and frequency of bullying. The first thing I need to do is to make sure that we are talking about the same thing, so I have referred to the Department of Education website Gov.uk for definition and the Law.

Bullying can be defined in Law by the following

- Violence or assault
- Theft
- Repeated harassment or intimidation eg name calling, threats and abusive phone calls, emails or text messages.
- Hate crimes

This is further defined as behaviour that is repeated, intentional and with a desire to physically or emotionally hurt someone. Bullying is often aimed at certain groups because of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation.

It is the school's responsibility to prevent discrimination, harassment and victimisation. This is achieved through encouraging good behaviours and respecting each other. School staff must protect and safeguard children, drawing upon external services to tackle and investigate underlying issues.

Amwell View School does not tolerate bullying and is committed to tackling acts of bullying. This is achieved by promoting and celebrating success, working closely with parents and families and through an openness which is willing to investigate and examine concerns.

Please be very sure that if you as parents or carers have concerns about bullying, then you need to make those concerns known to me and feel confident that I will make every effort to address the issues.

Yours sincerely

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