

ANTI BULLYING POLICY

Cator Park School is an open and supportive school where all members of the school community are encouraged to respect each other and where pupils are encouraged to talk about problems they may encounter.

The issue of bullying is taken very seriously and is addressed within the school curriculum through the tutorial programme.

Any pupil who is being bullied is encouraged to speak to someone that they trust. They are encouraged to talk to a teacher. The school takes every report of bullying seriously and any incident of bullying will be investigated. Where bullying is proven, a range of sanctions may be applied depending upon the seriousness of the situation. These sanctions include discussions with parents and children, being placed on school report, referral to a senior member of staff, withdrawal from favoured activities, exclusion from lunch time activities, a period in the isolation centre or exclusion from school.

It is the responsibility of every member of the school community to prevent bullying and report it where they suspect it may be happening. Staff has a duty to investigate bullying whenever it is reported to them, regardless of the status of the person accused of bullying.

All pupils and staff are expected to adhere to the anti-bullying code which is clearly displayed in every teaching room. To ignore bullying is to condone it.

Cator Park School Anti-Bullying Code

- Every pupil at Cator Park School has the right to enjoy her learning and free time without fear of intimidation.
- The aim of the school includes mutual respect and understanding. We will not tolerate any unkind actions or remarks even if these were not intended to hurt.
- Any intentional action, comment or behaviour which hurts, threatens or frightens will be defined as bullying.
- All members of Cator Park School should support each other by reporting all instances of bullying.
- Bullying will be dealt with seriously.
- Cator Park is a 'telling' school and an anti-bullying school. Bullying is too important not to report it. Every member of the school community has a responsibility to report bullying if they know it is going on.

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