



## Anti-Bullying Policy

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# Our Mission Statement



# Our Values



**Compassion**



**Friendship**



**Forgiveness**





## Our Mission Statement



Our mission statement was reviewed in 2024 in discussion with staff, the church, and the children.

In our school we have always had very strong relationships but we have recognized social changes. The need for faith's guidance and strength has intensified. We looked at what our community needed- we saw a need for Christian values, and above all a need for compassion, forgiveness and friendship.

We looked at what the Bible teaches us about these things, and adopted them as our values. We saw them as encapsulated by the theme of Christian love.

We looked at the two most important commandments- (Matthew 22:36-40) love the Lord thy God with all thy heart" and "love thy neighbour as thyself", and saw Paul's message to the church in Corinth as relevant to our school today: "Do everything in love."

At Rosehill Methodist Primary School we strive to do everything in love.

Through living out our Christian Values we seek to equip our pupils with the skills to become the very best they can- for themselves, for others and for our wonderful world. We want our children to be grounded in their relationships with themselves, in their relationships with others, in their relationships with their world and in their relationship with God/ the big beyond.

We want children to be able to enact positive change across all spheres of society- that our children feel empowered and that the world benefits from their words and deeds.

"Do everything in love," is at the heart of what it means to be Christian. The context of the verse is that Paul was writing to the church in Corinth. He said: "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love."

At Rosehill we aim to apply this instruction to our lives as we pursue our vision and strive to be more like Jesus. That is our calling- to provide a school where the values of Jesus are alive.

We actively seek to let love guide our thoughts, actions and words as we embrace a culture of togetherness.

Likewise, following the words of John Wesley, "I look upon all the world as my parish"- Journal, June 11, 1739- we aim to ensure that all members of our school have a clear understanding of Christian faith and are able to develop the skills required to reach out and engage with the world. That they may truly love God, and also love their neighbour. (Mark: 12:30-31)





## Living out our Values



Compassion



Friendship



Forgiveness

**‘Love one another as I have loved you’ John 13:34**

**In our school, we believe that God’s love surrounds us all. This part of our vision guides our way in setting the highest aspirations for the relationship we enjoy with both God and each other. This is why we do what we do.**

**In our school community, it is important to show that love for each other in the ways we act towards others. Everyone is welcome. We value compassion and peace, respecting each other and accepting difference so as to live in harmony.**

**“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.” 1 Corinthians 13:4-8**

**Our goal is that in the passage above you may replace “Love” with “Our school” and that is how we shall be.**

**John Wesley (co-founder of the Methodist movement) urged us to ‘watch over one another in love.’**

**Hence our overriding mission statement: “Do everything in love.”**



## Safeguarding Statement

Safeguarding our children is of paramount importance to us at Rosehill Methodist Primary Academy. It is important to remember that safeguarding is **EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY** and every adult in a child's life should do what they can to ensure children are (and feel) safe, loved and respected, in order for them to flourish.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the physical, mental and emotional welfare of every pupil, both inside and outside of its schools premises. We implement a whole-school preventative approach to managing safeguarding concerns, ensuring that the wellbeing of pupils is at the forefront of all action taken.

## **Rationale**

At Rosehill Methodist Primary Academy, we believe that all pupils are entitled to learn in a safe, supportive and nurturing environment – free from all forms of bullying behaviour. This policy outlines how instances of bullying are dealt with, including procedures to prevent occurrences of bullying. We aim to challenge attitudes about bullying behaviour through strategies such as learning about tolerance and difference as part of the supportive Christian ethos of the school.

At Rosehill we value the importance of a pastoral role in the welfare of the children and the school community. The school will seek to support LGB & T pupils and those from LGB & T families. We actively promote equality and ensure that all homophobic, biphobia and transphobic (HBT) incidents are recorded and followed up effectively.

We also value the importance of mental health and well being. This is promoted through regular training and access to pastoral support.

## **Legal framework**

This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation and statutory guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- Education and Inspections Act 2006
- Equality Act 2010
- Protection from Harassment Act 1997
- Malicious Communications Act 1988
- Public Order Act 1986
- Communications Act 2003
- Human Rights Act 1998
- Crime and Disorder Act 1998
- Education Act 2011
- DfE (2017) 'Preventing and tackling bullying'
- DfE (2018) 'Sexual violence and sexual harassment between children in schools and colleges'
- DfE (2018) 'Mental health and wellbeing provision in schools'
- DfE (2022) 'Keeping children safe in education (2022)'
- DfE (2020) 'Sharing nudes and semi-nudes: advice for education settings working with children and young people'

This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies:

- Behaviour Policy
- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) Policy
- Primary Relationships and Health Education Policy
- Exclusion Policy

## Definitions

Rosehill Methodist Primary Academy defines bullying as:

***'ongoing, deliberate behaviour that upsets the victim. It is behaviour that is targeted and selective and can be direct (physical or verbal) or indirect (e.g. being ignored or cyber-bullying). It may be one person or a group.'***

Bullying is generally characterised by:

- **Repetition:** Incidents are not one-offs; they are frequent and happen over a period of time.
- **Intent:** The perpetrator(s) means to cause verbal, physical or emotional harm; it is not accidental.
- **Targeting:** Bullying is generally targeted at a specific individual or group.
- **Power imbalance:** Whether real or perceived, bullying is generally based on unequal power relations.

## Types of Bullying

Many kinds of behaviour can be considered bullying, and bullying can be related to almost anything. Teasing another pupil because of their appearance, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, home life, culture, disability, or SEND are some of the types of bullying that can occur.

Bullying takes place through the following mediums:

- Verbal
- Physical
- Emotional
- Online (cyberbullying)

**Racist bullying:** Bullying another person based on their ethnic background, religion or skin colour. Racist bullying is a criminal offence under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and Public Order Act 1986.

**Homophobic/biphobic bullying:** Bullying another person because of their actual or perceived sexual orientation.

**Transphobic bullying:** Bullying based on another person's gender identity or gender presentation, or for not conforming to dominant gender roles.

**Sexist bullying:** Bullying based on sexist attitudes expressed in a way to demean, intimidate or harm another person because of their sex or gender. Sexist bullying may sometimes be characterised by inappropriate sexual behaviours.

**Prejudicial bullying:** Bullying based on prejudices directed towards specific characteristics, e.g. SEND or mental health issues.

**Relational bullying:** Bullying that primarily constitutes of excluding, isolating and ostracising someone – usually through verbal and emotional bullying.

**Socioeconomic bullying:** Bullying based on prejudices against the perceived social status of the victim, including, but not limited to, their economic status, their parents' occupations, their health or nutrition level, or the perceived "quality" of their clothing or belongings.

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

#### **The Local Advisory Board:**

- Evaluating and reviewing this policy to ensure that it is not discriminatory.
- The overall implementation of this policy.
- Ensuring that the school adopts a tolerant and open-minded policy towards difference.
- Ensuring the school is inclusive.
- Analysing any bullying data to establish patterns and reviewing this policy in light of these.

#### **The Headteacher:**

- Ensuring that this policy is updated regularly, accounting for new legislation and government guidance, and using staff experience of dealing with bullying incidents in previous years to improve procedures.
- Keeping a Bullying Report Form of all reported incidents, including which type of bullying has occurred, to allow for proper analysis of the data collected.
- Analysing the data in the bullying record at termly intervals to identify trends, so that appropriate measures to tackle them can be implemented.
- Arranging appropriate training for staff members.
- Leading the school in making the vision a reality, where all members of the learning community nurture, value, respect and care for each other.
- Report all incidences of bullying to the Local Advisory Board each term.

#### **Pastoral Staff:**

- Corresponding and meeting with parents where necessary.
- Providing a point of contact for pupils and parents when more serious bullying incidents occur.
- Supporting pupils using a restorative approach.
- Providing follow-up support after bullying incidents.
- Offering emotional support to victims of bullying.
- Monitoring the children involved.

#### **Teachers:**

- Being alert to social dynamics in their class.
- Being available for pupils who wish to report bullying.
- Being alert to possible bullying situations, particularly exclusion from friendship groups, and informing relevant staff of such observations.
- Refraining from stereotyping when dealing with bullying.
- Understanding the composition of pupil groups, showing sensitivity to those who have been the victims of bullying.

- Reporting any instances of bullying once they have been approached by a pupil for support.
- Use PSHE and circle time to develop positive relationships.

**Parents:**

- Informing relevant staff members if they have any concerns that their child is the victim of bullying or involving in bullying in anyway.
- Being watchful of their child's behaviour, attitude and characteristics and informing the staff of any changes.
- Supporting strategies proposed by relevant staff to help deal with the situation.

**Pupils:**

If you are being bullied:

- Tell someone that you trust
- Remember that you are not the one with the problem
- If you are worried about openly discussing an incident with the perpetrators present (e.g. during a lesson) you could go to the teacher with a piece of work and use that as the reason to speak to the teacher separately.
- Use the 'Worry Monster' in your classroom
- Walk away quickly and confidently, even if you don't feel that way inside
- Your safety is more important than your possessions. If you are in danger, don't hold onto them.
- Be proud to be who you are

Friends:

- Listen and talk it through
- Try to be sensitive
- Try not to leave them on their own
- Persuade the person who is being bullied to talk to an adult
- If you can, be assertive

Bystanders:

- Even if you don't take part in the bullying but see it an walk away, you are ignoring your responsibilities.
- Get help from an adult
- Give sympathy to the person who is being bullied and try not to leave them alone
- Tell someone that you trust

### Statutory implications

- At Rosehill we understand that, under the **Equality Act 2010**, we have a responsibility to:
- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by the act.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

The school understands that, under the **Human Rights Act (HRA) 1998**, it could have charges brought against it if it allows the rights of pupils to be breached by failing to take bullying seriously. The headteacher will ensure that this policy complies with the HRA; the headteacher understands that they cannot do this without fully involving all staff.

Although bullying itself is not a criminal offence, some types of harassment, threatening behaviour and/or communications may be considered criminal offences:

- Under the **Malicious Communications Act 1988**, it is an offence for a person to electronically communicate with another person with the intent to cause distress or anxiety, or in a way which conveys a message which is indecent or grossly offensive, a threat, or contains information which is false and known or believed to be false by the sender.
- The **Protection from Harassment Act 1997** makes it an offence to knowingly pursue any course of conduct amounting to harassment.
- **Section 127 of the Communications Act 2003** makes it an offence to send, by means of a public electronic communications network, a message, or other matter, that is grossly offensive or of an indecent, obscene or menacing character. It is unlawful to disseminate defamatory information through any media, including internet sites.
- Other forms of bullying which are illegal and should be reported to the police include violence or assault, theft, repeated harassment or intimidation, and hate crimes.

### Prevention

The school will clearly communicate a whole-school commitment to addressing bullying in the form of PSHE lessons, online safety sessions and through collective worship. These will be regularly promoted across the whole school.

All reported or investigated instances of bullying will be investigated by a member of staff.

All types of bullying will be discussed as part of the relationships and health education curriculum, in line with the PSHE Policy.

Staff will encourage pupil cooperation and the development of interpersonal skills using group and pair work. Diversity, difference and respect for others will be promoted and celebrated through lessons. Seating plans will be organised and altered in a way that prevents instances of bullying.

Opportunities to extend friendship groups and interactive skills will be provided through participation in special events, e.g. drama productions, sporting activities and cultural groups.

All members of the school will be made aware of this policy and their responsibilities in relation to it. All staff members will be updated on strategies with identifying and dealing with the different types of bullying and if necessary receive any relevant training.

Teachers will offer an 'open door' policy allowing pupils to discuss any bullying, whether they are victims or have witnessed an incident.

Before a vulnerable pupil joins the school, pastoral staff and the class teacher will develop a strategy to prevent bullying from happening – this will include giving the pupil a buddy to help integrate them into the school.

The school will be alert to, and address, any mental health and wellbeing issues amongst pupils, as these can be a cause of bullying behaviour.

The school will ensure potential perpetrators are given support as required, so their educational, emotional and social development isn't negatively influenced by outside factors, e.g. mental health issues.

### **Signs of Bullying**

Staff will be alert to the following signs that may indicate a pupil is a victim of bullying:

- Being frightened to travel to or from school
- Unwillingness to attend school
- Repeated or persistent absence from school
- Becoming anxious or lacking confidence
- Saying that they feel ill repeatedly
- Decreased involvement in school work
- Leaving school with torn clothes or damaged possessions
- Missing possessions
- Asking for extra money or stealing
- Cuts or bruises
- Lack of appetite
- Unwillingness to use the internet or mobile devices
- Becoming agitated when receiving calls or text messages
- Lack of eye contact
- Becoming short tempered
- Change in behaviour and attitude at home

Although the signs outlined above may not be due to bullying, they may be due to deeper social, emotional or mental health issues, so should still be investigated. Pupils who display a significant number of these signs will be approached by a member of staff to determine the underlying issues causing this behaviour.

Staff will be aware of the potential factors that may indicate a pupil is likely to exhibit bullying behaviours, including, but not limited to, the following:

- They have experienced mental health problems, which have led to them becoming more easily aggravated
- They have been the victim of abuse
- Their academic performance has started to fall and they are showing signs of stress

If staff become aware of any factors that could lead to bullying behaviours, they will notify the class teacher, who will investigate the matter and monitor the situation, reporting to the Pastoral Team and SLT when necessary.

### **Staff Principles**

At Rosehill we ensure that prevention is a prominent aspect of our anti-bullying vision. Staff treat reports of bullying seriously and they do not ignore signs of suspected bullying. Staff act immediately when they become aware of a bullying incident.

Unpleasantness from one pupil towards another will always be challenged and will never be ignored. Staff will always respect pupils' privacy, and information about specific instances of bullying are not discussed with others, unless the pupil has given consent, or there is a safeguarding concern. If a member of staff believes a pupil is in danger, e.g. of being hurt, they will inform the DSL immediately.

Follow-up support will be given to both the victim and perpetrator in the months following an incident to ensure all bullying has stopped.

### **Child-on-child Abuse**

The school has a zero-tolerance approach to all forms of child-on-child abuse, including sexual harassment and sexual violence as outlined in our child protection and safeguarding policies. To prevent child-on-child abuse and address the wider societal factors that can influence behaviour, we will educate pupils about abuse, its forms, and the importance of discussing any concerns and respecting others through the curriculum, assemblies and PSHE lessons.

At Rosehill will also ensure that pupils are taught about safeguarding, including online safety, as part of a broad and balanced curriculum in PSHE lessons, relationships education and group sessions.

Such content will be specific to age and stage of development, and tackle issues such as the following:

- Healthy relationships
- Respectful behaviour
- Gender roles, stereotyping and equality
- Body confidence and self-esteem
- Prejudiced behaviour

All staff are made aware of the heightened vulnerability of pupils with SEND, who are more likely to be abused than their peers. Staff will not assume that possible indicators of abuse relate to the pupil's SEND and will always explore indicators further. Staff are aware that LGBTQ+ pupils are more likely to be targeted by their peers. In some cases, pupils who are perceived to be LGBTQ+, whether they are or not, can be just as vulnerable to abuse as LGBTQ+ pupils.

Pupils will be made aware of how to raise concerns or make a report and how any reports will be handled – this includes the process for reporting concerns about friends or peers. If a pupil has been harmed, is in immediate danger or is at risk of harm, a referral will be made to children's social care services.

### **Managing disclosures**

Victims will always be taken seriously, reassured, supported and kept safe. Victims will never be made to feel like they are causing a problem or made to feel ashamed. If a friend of a victim makes a report or a member of staff overhears a conversation, staff will act – they will never assume that someone else will deal with it.

The basic principles remain the same as when a victim reports an incident; however, staff will consider why the victim has not chosen to make a report themselves and the discussion will be handled sensitively. Staff will report all allegations of abuse against pupils to the DSL. If staff are in any doubt over how to handle an incident or report, they will speak to the DSL. If a report involves a pupil with SEND, the DSL will record the incident in writing and, working with the SENCO, decide what course of action is necessary, with the best interests of the pupil in mind at all times.

More information regarding the school's stance on preventing child-on-child abuse is available in our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

### **Cyberbullying**

Cyberbullying can take many forms and can go even further than face-to-face bullying by invading personal space and home life, and can target more than one person. It can also take place across age groups and target pupils, staff and others, and may take place inside school, within the wider community, at home or when travelling. It can sometimes draw bystanders into being accessories.

Cyberbullying can include the following:

- Threatening, intimidating or upsetting text messages
- Threatening or embarrassing pictures and video clips
- Disclosure of private sexual photographs or videos with the intent to cause distress
- Silent or abusive phone calls
- Using the victim's phone to harass others, to make them think the victim is responsible
- Threatening or bullying emails, possibly sent using a pseudonym or someone else's name
- Menacing or upsetting responses to someone in a chatroom
- Unpleasant messages sent via instant messaging
- Unpleasant or defamatory information posted to blogs, personal websites and social networking sites, e.g. Facebook, Snapchat, Whatsapp

**NB.** The above list is not exhaustive, and cyberbullying may take other forms.

The school has a zero-tolerance approach to cyberbullying. The school views cyberbullying with the same severity as any other form of bullying and will follow the sanctions set out in of this policy if they become aware of any incidents.

All members of staff will receive training on an **annual** basis on the signs of cyberbullying, in order to identify pupils who may be experiencing issues and intervene effectively.

Many of the signs of cyberbullying will be similar to those found in the '**Signs of bullying**' section of this policy; however, staff will be alert to the following signs that may indicate a pupil is being cyberbullied:

- Avoiding use of the computer
- Being on their phone routinely
- Becoming agitated when receiving calls or text messages

Staff will also be alert to the following signs which may indicate that a pupil is cyberbullying others:

- Avoiding using the computer or turning off the screen when someone is near
- Acting in a secretive manner when using the computer or mobile phone
- Spending excessive amounts of time on the computer or mobile phone

- Becoming upset or angry when the computer or mobile phone is taken away

Staff will be aware that a cyberbullying incident might include features different to other forms of bullying, prompting a particular response. Significant differences may include the following:

- **Possible extensive scale and scope** – pupils may be bullied on multiple platforms and using multiple different methods that are made possible by virtue of the bullying taking place online
- **The anytime and anywhere nature of cyberbullying** – pupils may not have an escape from the torment when they are at home due to the bullying continuing through technology at all times
- **The person being bullied might not know who the perpetrator is** – it is easy for individuals to remain anonymous online and on social media, and pupils may be bullied by someone who is concealing their own identity
- **The perpetrator might not realise that their actions are bullying** – sometimes, the culture of social media, and the inability to see the impact that words are having on someone, may lead to pupils crossing boundaries without realising
- **The victim of the bullying may have evidence of what has happened** – pupils may have taken screenshots of bullying, or there may be a digital footprint that can identify the perpetrator

The school will support pupils who have been victims of cyberbullying by holding formal and informal discussions with the pupil about their feelings and whether the bullying has stopped.

In accordance with the **Education Act 2011**, the school has the right to examine and delete files from pupils' personal devices, e.g. mobiles phones, where there is good reason to do so. This power applies to all schools and there is no need to have parental consent to search through a young person's mobile phone.

### **Procedures**

Minor incidents will be reported to the victim's class teacher, who will investigate the incident, set appropriate sanctions, and inform the headteacher of year the incident and outcome. This will be discussed verbally and also recorded on CPOMs by the class teacher.

When investigating a bullying incident, the following procedures will be adopted:

- The victim, alleged perpetrator and witnesses are all interviewed separately
- Members of staff ensure that there is no possibility of contact between the pupils being interviewed, including electronic communication
- A room is used that allows for privacy during interviews
- A witness is used for serious incidents
- If appropriate, the alleged perpetrator, the victim and witnesses are asked to write down details of the incident; this may need prompting with questions from the member of staff to obtain the full picture
- The headteacher or deputy headteacher will gather evidence of a cyberbullying incident; this may involve text messages, emails, photos, etc. provided by the victim
- Premature assumptions are not made, as it is important not to be judgemental at this stage

- Members of staff listen carefully to all accounts, being non-confrontational and not assigning blame until the investigation is complete
- All pupils involved are informed that they must not discuss the interview with other pupils
- Staff members involved in dealing with the incident are required to consider whether there is a need for safeguarding processes to be implemented.

### **Sanctions**

If the headteacher is satisfied that bullying did take place, the perpetrator will be helped to understand the consequences of their actions and warned that there must be no further incidents. The headteacher will inform the perpetrator of the type of sanction to be used in this instance.

If possible, the headteacher will attempt reconciliation and will obtain an apology from the perpetrator. This will either be in writing to the victim, and/or witnesses if appropriate, or face-to-face, but only with the victim's full consent. Discretion will be used here; victims will never feel pressured into a face-to-face meeting with the perpetrator.

Parents are informed of bullying incidents by the Headteacher and what action is being taken. These discussions are recorded on CPOMs by the Headteacher.

All staff involved in managing instances of bullying will be aware that taking disciplinary action and providing support are not mutually exclusive actions, and should be conducted simultaneously to encourage more positive behaviour in future.

The school will avoid unnecessarily criminalising pupils for bullying or abusive behaviour where possible, as young people with criminal records face stigma and discrimination in future aspects of their lives. The school's focus when handling perpetrators will be supporting them to develop more positive behaviours and to refrain from abusive and bullying behaviours in the future.

The headteacher informally monitors the pupils involved over the next **half-term**.

The school will remain cognisant of the fact that continued access to school can be important for rehabilitation of harmful behaviour, and will not suspend pupils unless as a last resort – where there have been serious or consistent incidents of bullying, the school will act in line with the Exclusion Policy.

### **Support**

In the event of bullying, victims will be offered the following support:

- Emotional support and reassurance from the Pastoral Team
- Reassurance that it was right to report the incident and that appropriate action will be taken
- Liaison with their parents to ensure a continuous dialogue of support
- Advice not to retaliate or reply, but to keep the evidence and show or give it to their parent or a member of staff
- Advice on aspects of online safety, in the event of cyberbullying, to prevent re-occurrence, including, where appropriate, discussion with their parents to evaluate their online habits and age-appropriate advice on how the perpetrator might be blocked online

The headteacher will carefully consider in each instance of bullying that is handled whether it is appropriate to split up the victim(s) and perpetrator(s), e.g. preventing them sharing classes or

spaces where possible, and will split up other harmful group dynamics to prevent further occurrences where necessary. Victims will be encouraged to broaden their friendship groups by joining lunchtime or after-school clubs or activities.

### **Follow-up support**

The progress of both the perpetrator and the victim will be monitored by their class teachers. One-on-one sessions to discuss how the victim and perpetrator are progressing may be appropriate. If appropriate, follow-up correspondence will be arranged with parents **one month** after the incident.

Pupils who have been bullied will be offered continuous support. The DSL will hold a formal meeting, on a **monthly** basis, to check whether the bullying has stopped – these formal meetings will continue to take place **once a month** until the headteacher and victim are confident the bullying has stopped. The victim will be encouraged to tell a trusted adult in school if bullying is repeated.

Pupils who have bullied others will be supported in the following ways:

- Receiving a consequence for their actions
- Being able to discuss what happened
- Being helped to reflect on why they became involved
- Being helped to understand what they did wrong and why they need to change their behaviour
- Appropriate assistance from parents

Pupils who have been bullied will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and the DSL will, if necessary, refer the victim of bullying for support.

### **Bullying outside of school**

Staff will remain aware that bullying can happen both in and outside of school, and will ensure that they understand how to respond to reports of bullying that occurred outside school in line with the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

The headteacher has a specific statutory power to discipline pupils for poor behaviour outside of the school premises. **Section 89(5) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006** gives the headteacher the power to regulate pupils' conduct when they are not on school premises, and therefore, not under the lawful charge of a school staff member.

Teachers have the power to discipline pupils for misbehaving outside of the school premises. This can relate to any bullying incidents occurring anywhere off the school premises, such as on school or public transport, outside the local shops, or in a town or village centre.

Where bullying outside school is reported to school staff, it will be investigated and acted upon. In all cases of misbehaviour or bullying, members of staff can only discipline the pupil on school premises, or elsewhere when the pupil is under the lawful control of the member of staff, e.g. on a school trip.

### **Record keeping**

The DSL will ensure that robust records (CPOMs) are kept with regard to all reported or otherwise uncovered incidents of bullying – this includes recording where decisions have been made, e.g. sanctions, support, escalation of a situation and resolutions.

The headteacher and DSL will ensure that all decisions and actions recorded are reviewed on a regular basis for the purposes of:

- Identifying patterns of concerning, problematic or inappropriate behaviour on the part of certain pupils that may need to be handled, e.g. with pastoral support.
- Reflecting on whether cases could have been handled better and using these reflections to inform future practice.
- Considering whether there are wider cultural issues at play within the school, e.g. whether school culture facilitates discriminatory bullying by not adequately addressing instances, and planning to mitigate this.
- Considering whether prevention strategies could be strengthened based on any patterns in the cases that arise.

### **Monitoring and review**

This policy is reviewed every **two years** by the Headteacher and the DSL. Any changes to this policy will be communicated to all relevant stakeholders.

The scheduled review date for this policy is **January 2026**.

## Bullying Report Form

This form will be sent to the headteacher upon completion.

Personal details	
Name of person reporting incident:	
Name of pupil being bullied:	
Year group/Class:	
How may we contact you? (please circle)	
At school	At home
Home address:	
Email:	
Telephone:	

Incident details
What happened?
Where did the incident take place?

**When did the incident occur?**

**Who has been suspected of bullying?**

**Did anyone else see the incident?**

**According to the victim, how often does the bullying take place?**

**According to the victim, how long has the bullying been going on?**