

What schools must and should do to tackle bullying.

- The school's behaviour policy must include bullying and should include racial and sexual harassment.
- Information about break times should be included in the school's anti-bullying strategies.
- Governors should review the school's anti-bullying policy regularly.
- Pupils should be encouraged to report bullying to older pupils or staff.
- The school's prospectus should explain how to report bullying and how staff will investigate.
- Schools should record all racist incidents. Parents and governors should be informed about them and any action taken.
- Schools must have a race equality policy and promote good relations between different racial groups.

If you think your child is being bullied:

- Talk to your child to find out as much as possible about what has happened.
- Speak to your child's school - this may be enough to make sure that the bullying stops.

It is important that the school:

- Shows your child that they are taking the bullying seriously.
- Tells them what they are going to do.
- Agrees with your child who they should go to if anything else happens.
- Makes all staff aware of the people involved and the places and times when the bullying took place.

If the bullying does not stop ask for a meeting with the school but first:

Prepare for the meeting:

- Note every incident that your child remembers and write:
- What happened?
- When did it happen?
- Who did it?
- Who saw it?
- What effect did it have on your child?
- Was it reported to school?
- What did school do?
- Did things improve, stay the same or get worse?

When you read through the list you may notice patterns emerging and it is important to note these. You should also explain the effect that you think the bullying may have on your child if it does not stop.

Write to the school enclosing the details of the bullying and request a meeting.

If you would like help, please contact:

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