

St John's Catholic Primary School,
Bridgnorth



Child-Friendly Anti-Bullying Policy
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"I am the vine you are the branches" – John, 15.

Our school is a place where everyone has the right to be themselves. It's a place where everyone can feel safe, be happy and learn. Everyone at our school is included and acts with respect and kindness towards each other. Our school takes bullying very seriously.



What is bullying?

Bullying is when a person is hurtful or unkind to someone else on purpose and usually more than once. Bullying can be done by one person or by a group of people and it can be online as well as to people's faces. A useful way to remember bullying is:



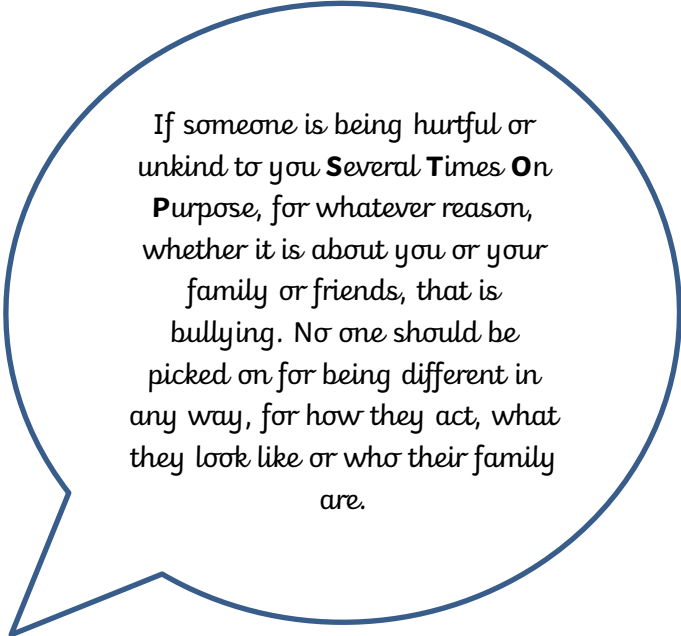
- Hitting or saying you are going to hit someone
- Touching someone when they don't want you to
- Calling someone names, teasing, using rude language or saying nasty things
- Stealing or damaging someone else's belongings
- Ignoring someone on purpose or leaving them out
- Sending hurtful or unkind texts, emails or online messages to someone or about someone



What is bullying?

Bullying can be about:

- Race or ethnicity (racist bullying)
- Religion or belief
- Family and culture
- Sexist bullying
- Homophobic or biphobic bullying
- Transphobic bullying
- Special educational needs or disability bullying
- What someone looks like
- Where someone lives or who they live with



If someone is being hurtful or unkind to you **Several Times On Purpose**, for whatever reason, whether it is about you or your family or friends, that is bullying. No one should be picked on for being different in any way, for how they act, what they look like or who their family are.

Why does bullying happen?