

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

COURAGE

RESPECT

FRIENDSHIP

LOYALTY

RESPONSIBILITY

CARING

INTEGRITY



WHAT WILL THE SCHOOL DO IF BULLYING IS REPORTED?

Assure the student that the problem will be addressed and then provide ongoing support.

Investigate the problems raised.
Treat everyone involved with fairness.

Take action that is appropriate to the particular circumstances – this may be:

- o Mediation
- o Disciplinary action
- o Warnings
- o Social skills lessons
- o Counselling
- o Parental involvement

IF YOUR CHILD IS BEING BULLIED

- tell him/her ...
- It is not their fault
- He or she has the right to feel safe and happy
- He or she has the right not to be bullied
- It is all right to walk away
- It can be stopped
- It is all right to tell the school staff
- By acting on the bullying you are also protecting other students from the bully.

SUTTON PUBLIC SCHOOL
Valuing the Future



ANTI BULLYING INFORMATION

For Parents

**Building a strong partnership between
our school and parents
to improve learning outcomes
for all our students**

At SUTTON PS we work together to: Provide a safe, secure environment for students. Assist students to be tolerant, cooperative and resilient.

***Our school does not tolerate
bullying, harassment
or intimidation of any form.***

**At SUTTON PS if we all 'do our best'
there will be NO BULLIES.**

WHAT IS BULLYING?

Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons.

Cyberbullying refers to bullying through information and communication technologies.

Conflict or fights between equals or single incidents are not defined as bullying.

Bullying is a deliberate attempt to make your child feel uncomfortable, unhappy or unsafe.

To help your school be a safe and happy place for your child, it is important that you work with the school to solve any bullying problem.

Bullies can be anywhere...at school, at work, even neighbours. It is important that your child learns to deal with bullies.

Sutton Public School has zero tolerance for bullying. But remember, if we don't know about it, we can't help.



BULLYING CAN BE ...repeatedly

- Giving nasty looks
- Making rude gestures
- Calling names
- Being rude and impolite
- Spreading stories and rumours
- Teasing
- Keeping someone out of a group
- Acting in an unpleasant way near someone
- Hurting someone physically
- 'Mucking about' that goes too far
- Harassment
- Any form of discrimination based on disability, gender, race or religion.



WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

- Assure your child that the problem will be addressed
- Let the school know that your child is being bullied by contacting your child's class teacher, Assistant Principal or Principal
- Remain calm at all times, especially in front of your child
- Communicate and co-operate with the school until the problem is solved
- Bullies often have poor social skills and sometimes do not know how to behave towards others in a positive way
- Develop your child's sense of humour and tolerance of others
- Ensure your approach is kept positive. The last thing your child would need is to see you take a 'bullying' approach and compound the situation.
- Positively reinforce your child's self-esteem and sense of self worth
- Develop your child's social skills by teaching him or her to share and to co-operate with others in group situations.