

Venerable Bede Academy Anti-Bullying update, November 2013.

Please find below a copy of our new student friendly anti-bullying policy. A copy of the full school policy is available on request from Mr Roddy, anti-bullying coordinator.

This year we have already started out Anti-bullying work below is a list of just some of the things we are doing to eradicate bullying;

- Princess Diana Anti-bullying Ambassadors training at Hetton School for some of our Year 10 students.
- Weekly bully buddy meetings and training for new members.
- Participating in a local anti-bullying conference at St. Aidan's school.
- New VB against bullying wristbands will be on sale during Anti-bullying week November 18-22.
- Produced a massive piece of anti-bullying art work using student's thumbprints.
- Whole staff new anti-bullying pledge and copies of the new student friendly policy given to all students and our procedures highlight in anti-bullying worships.
- Ensured that cyber –bullying is addressed as part of our PD curriculum across all year groups.
- Winners of the national BIG award for anti-bullying work- the only school in the country to win it twice.
- We now have over 100 bully buddies in the school who are available to support other students every day.
- Held our second annual parental presentation last June.
- Recorded bullying incidents for 2013-13 academic year were just 27 across all year groups. The systems we have in place to record, support and follow these up is proving very successful.

If you would like any more information or have any concerns about bullying that may be taking place, please do not hesitate to contact either Mr Roddy or the appropriate Head of Year.

Finally, I would be grateful if you could complete one of the Parents/Carers sections of the Questionnaire attached and return it to school with your child.

Much appreciated,

Mr P. Roddy -Head of Year 11 and Anti Bullying co-ordinator.

The Venerable Bede Academy Anti-Bullying Policy- student version.



All children have an absolute right to be educated in a safe and secure environment and to be protected from others who may wish to harm, degrade or abuse them.

What is bullying?

Types of bullying include:

- verbal abuse, such as name calling and gossiping
- non-verbal abuse, such as hand signs or text messages
- emotional abuse, such as threatening or intimidating someone
- exclusion, such as ignoring or isolating someone
- undermining, by constantly criticising or spreading rumours
- racial or sexual bullying
- physical assaults, such as hitting and pushing
- online through social networking, or using mobile phones, also known as cyber bullying.

If you feel you are being bullied;

Firstly, you must tell someone. A friend, a member of staff, your parents or carers, a bully buddy- anyone!

You could complete a bullying form from next to the school office. The box is checked daily.

Bully buddies are available at the HOY meeting room every break time.

External support can also be found at the following;

ChildLine – phone for free on 0800 1111

Anti-Bullying Alliance

Cyber Mentors

Beat Bullying

BIG- the bullying intervention group.

Princess Diana Award- Anti-bullying ambassadors.