



Stanford Infant School

'Exploring and Learning Together, Inspiring Each Other'

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Anti-Bullying Week 2018



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Dear Stanford Infant Families

In our continuous endeavour to ensure we provide a safe, inclusive, diverse and secure learning environment for all members of our community, we will be taking part in **National Anti-Bullying Week** next week from **12th-16th November**. This year's theme is 'Choose Respect'.

The aims of this week are to help children to understand the:

- **The definition of respect**
- **That bullying is a behaviour choice**
- **That we can respectfully disagree with each other i.e. we don't have to be best friends or always agree with each other but we do have to respect each other**
- **That we all need to choose to respect each other both face to face and online**

The week provides an opportunity for the whole school community to focus on and make clear that all forms of bullying are unacceptable and not tolerated. During the week we have planned whole school and year group class activities that will help the children to define bullying behaviour, understand what to do if they are being bullied and begin to understand how it feels to be bullied. We will be encouraging the children to consider their own definitions of bullying, what it may involve, and advice on what to do. We will all be kind and helpful to one another. This will be done sensitively, taking into account the age range of the children.

At the beginning of the week, we will be having **Blue Tuesday (13th November)** when we are asking that all the children come to school dressed in **blue**. This can be anything, from wearing denim, a blue t-shirt or a pair of trousers.

This important week will inform ongoing work to develop a whole school approach to ensure our young children are able to think, discuss, challenge and explore issues around positive and negative relationships in a safe and inclusive environment.

Our 'Anti-Bullying' Policy will be reviewed, and revised class definitions will be included. We will also be updating our website page dedicated to 'Anti-Bullying', providing both local and national advice and school specific resources. At the end of the week, we will be sending home the strategies we use in school to ensure all our children are safe and happy during their time with us, along with a leaflet developed by the children.

Thank you for your continued support and kindness.

The Staff at Stanford Infant School

