



Anti Bullying and Child Protection

Information for Students and Parents

School approach to bullying

We acknowledge that:

- There are different forms of bullying
- People bully and are bullied for different reasons

Therefore, we will examine each incident individually and decide on the appropriate action in each case. Be aware that bullying someone else could lead to permanent exclusion.

What is bullying?

A bully is someone who tries to hurt, threaten or frighten someone else, either directly, or by encouraging others to do so. Examples of bullying:

- Physically hurting someone else
- Making threats
- Stopping someone from walking past
- Making someone give you money
- Getting people into trouble for something they didn't do
- Frightening another person
- Deliberately cutting people out of conversations or refusing to talk to them
- Verbal abuse - swearing or making horrible comments
- Making sexist, racist or homophobic comments
- Interfering with other people's property

Pupil responsibilities

Pupils who are being bullied or who witness bullying have a responsibility to report it. Being bullied is not the fault of the victim.

- If the incident occurs during a lesson, speak to the Subject Teacher
- If the incident occurs outside normal lessons, speak to your form tutor or Head of Year in a private one to one talk

Parent responsibilities

If your child is acting out of character, try to find out the cause. Is it related to school?

Report to your child's Head of Year any incident of bullying or by emailing bullying@thomasbecket.org.uk

IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY CONCERNS ABOUT THEIR OWN SAFETY OR WELLBEING OR THAT OF ANOTHER PUPIL, PLEASE ENCOURAGE THEM TO CONTACT ONE OF OUR SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS, OR ANY MEMBER OF STAFF THEY FEEL COMFORTABLE TALKING TO.

Useful Helplines:

NSPCC – 0800 0280285

CHILDLINE – 0800 1111

Safeguarding / Family Support

Mrs Tracey Palmer and Mr Garry Jones are two of our designated safeguarding officers and also Student & Family Welfare. They are always available to contact via email or telephone for any worries or concerns you may have about your child's welfare, or you are more than welcome to make an appointment for a face to face discussion.

If they are not available and you have a safeguarding concern please contact reception who will connect you to one of our other safeguarding officers.

We are all responsible for creating a friendly, Christian community by showing that we care.