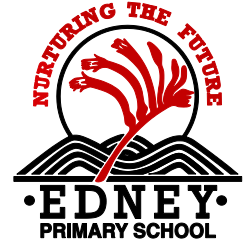


EDNEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

BULLYING POLICY



Bullying is never accepted and has no place at Edney Primary School.

Our School

- Fosters a positive school environment.
- Acts to prevent bullying by helping students to develop appropriate social skills, including strategies to cope with being bullied.
- Has strategies for staff to detect and deal with bullying in the classroom and playground.
- Provides support for students who become involved in incidents of bullying (both victim and bully need help).
- Maintains close communication with parents.

Our Definition

Bullying is

something bad that
someone might say or do
to you and it happens over
and over again

BULLYING IS AN ABUSE OF POWER!

Bullying is not the same thing as an argument or a fight between equals.

What children can do if they are bullied

- Believe in yourself. You have the right to feel safe and valued.
- Try to ignore the bullying. If you show that you are not upset, the bully may lose interest.
- Tell the bully to stop. Speak firmly and calmly and say that their behaviour is not acceptable to you.
- Avoid being alone in places where bullying happens.
- Share the problem with your family and friends.
- Report the problem to a member of staff, the Principal or Deputy Principal.

Tell someone!!! BULLYING IS NEVER OK!!!

What to do if you know someone is being bullied

- Anyone who sees bullying has a responsibility to do something about it.
- Support the victim in a non-aggressive way. (Don't get involved in name calling or violence).
- Report the problem to a member of staff, Deputy Principal or the Principal.

Parents can help

- Take an active interest in your child's social life and what is happening at school.
- Encourage your child to bring friends home and to accept and tolerate differences in others.
- Make sure your child understands the school's expectations of their behaviour.
- Build a child's self confidence by recognising their positive qualities and valuing them for who they are.
- Be alert for signs of distress in your child such as unwillingness to attend school or lower academic performance.
- Listen to your child & acknowledge their feelings and fears.
- Discuss and encourage constructive ways to respond if your child's rights are being infringed.
- Set a positive example by your own behaviour.
- Act (report the problem) if you suspect bullying is occurring.
- Help your child to understand Edney Primary School's Levels of Behaviour and Consequences (see Behaviour Management Policy).

Consequences for bullying

- 1ST TIME: WARNING/COUNSELLING
- 2ND TIME: "IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION" -parent informed
- 3RD TIME "IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION" – letter to parent