OUR POLICY

Our bullying prevention policy recognizes that everyone has the right to feel valued and safe, and in this regard understand their rights and obligations and behave responsibly.

WHAT OUR SCHOOL IS DOING TO PREVENT BULLYING BEHAVIOUR

As a school we have the responsibility to ....

- Ensure all students are aware of what bullying is; ensure bullying prevention is taken seriously; and ensure that bullying is not tolerated.

- Create open, positive, caring classroom and playground environments where children feel confident and safe in telling adults when they are being bullied.

- Teach children about peer pressure, assertiveness and the need to accept full responsibility for their own personal behaviour.

- Consistently implement the school’s policy in relation to classroom and playground behaviour management.

- Provide opportunities for peer support and counseling.

- Train the children in bullying prevention strategies such as....
  
  Use of “I” - statements
  No-Blame approach to conflict resolution
  Informing adults
  Seeking help from Peer Supporters

- Help children develop into confident, socially well-balanced people who do not need to resort to bullying.

- Provide care for the “victims” of bullying

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OUR APPROACH TO BULLYING PREVENTION

WHAT IS BULLYING?

Bullying is deliberately hurtful behaviour towards an individual or a group which is repeated over a period of time.

There are **four** main types of Bullying

**PHYSICAL**
- hitting, dakking, kicking, taking belongings, fighting.

**VERBAL**
- name calling, teasing, insulting racist remarks, threatening.

**INDIRECT**
- spreading nasty stories, excluding someone from social groups.

**CYBER**
- use of on-line communication in a hurtful manner.

When you are being bullied

- Be firm and assertive. Look at them in the eye and tell them to STOP.
- Go to an adult or Peer Supporter for support.
- Do not fight or argue back.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN BULLIED...

- Tell a teacher or another adult in the school
- Tell your family
- Ask a friend to go with you to tell an adult
- Do not blame yourself for what’s happened

BULLYING is **NOT** TOLERATED at Falcon Primary School

® NO-ONE LIKES IT

® NO-ONE DESERVES IT

® NO-ONE NEEDS IT

® REPORT IT

Children, parents and staff have a joint responsibility in helping prevent bullying at our school.

LIKES IT DESERVES IT NEEDS IT