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Anti-Bullying Week: 12-16th November

Dear Parents/Carers,

The theme for this year's Anti-Bullying Week is to choose respect over bullying. Following a consultation with over 800 children, teachers and members of the Anti-Bullying Alliance, it emerged that a top priority was showing that bullying is a behaviour choice, and that children and young people can set a positive example by opting to respect each other at school, in their homes and communities, and online.

The theme 'Choose Respect' is aimed to support schools and other settings to help children and young people, school staff, parents and other professionals who work with children to understand:

- 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

We're celebrating what makes us 'All Different and All Equal' this Anti-Bullying Week. Pupils are invited to wear Odd Socks on Tuesday 13th November to support Anti-Bullying Week. This is to show our unity in standing up against bullying in our school. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and appreciate individuality. There is no pressure on the children to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes. All they have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school, it couldn't be simpler!

The following websites offer further information, help and support on this important issue.

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2018-choose-respect>

<https://www.bullying.co.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2018/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/services-and-resources/childline/>

I would like to remind all parents that all incidents of bullying are taken seriously by the school and investigated thoroughly. We have a clear anti-bullying policy [Anti Bullying Procedure](#) which will be highlighted to students and we encourage all students to either speak to a member of staff or report it via our online reporting system <https://raines.thesharpsystem.com/>

If you have further questions or require additional support or information, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year.

Kind Regards

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