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Dear parents and carers

*Anti-Bullying Week* shines a spotlight on our school's belief in creating a climate in which everyone agrees that bullying is unacceptable. The theme for this year is **'Make a noise about bullying'**. Please visit <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week> for further information. Their manifesto for change says:

'The theme of 'Make a noise about bullying' came about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England and Wales. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

Following the success of the campaign in 2022 – when 80% of schools marked the week, reaching over 7.5 million children and young people – Anti-Bullying Week will remind everyone whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, we can put an end to bullying.'

#### Our call to action:

- ✚ *Too often, we are silent when we see bullying take place, silent about the hurt bullying causes, and silent when we hear bullying dismissed as 'just banter'. It doesn't have to be this way.*
- ✚ *Of course, we won't like everyone and we don't always agree, but we can choose respect and unity.*
- ✚ *This Anti-Bullying Week let's come together to have discussions about what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. Together, we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying.*
- ✚ *From the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, let's make a noise about bullying.*

Respectful behaviour towards others is part of our ethos, culture and daily life – 'Nurture, Ignite, Shine'. We are aware that sometimes children fall out and have friendship issues and we do our very best to model, educate and inform our children through our spiritual, moral, social and cultural provision in school e.g. our PSHE curriculum, citizenship and

collective worship. However, we understand the importance of continuing to educate our children about Anti-Bullying to ensure that our children can identify it, speak about it and stop it.

As part of **Anti-Bullying Week**, we will be asking the children to complete an anonymous friendship survey. We will also be learning about Anti-Bullying in class and we will be running assemblies that support this year's theme too.

On **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November**, children and adults can come to school wearing '**Odd Socks**' as a way of celebrating difference and raising awareness of anti-bullying week - the bigger, the bolder, the brighter the better!

If you would like further information on Anti Bullying Week 2023 please see the following links and resources:

<http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/types-bullying/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>

Kind regards

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