



Anti Bullying Summary

Is it bullying? - It is if you feel hurt because individuals or groups are doing one or more of these things:

- calling you names
- threatening you
- pressuring you to give someone money or possessions
- hitting you
- damaging your possessions
- spreading rumours about you or your family
- using text, email or social networking sites to write or say hurtful things (cyber-bullying).

It is bullying if you feel hurt because of things said about your ethnic background, religious faith, gender, sexuality, disability, special educational need, appearance or issues in your family.

Loughborough High School does not tolerate bullying.

This is what we do about bullying:

- make sure that the person being bullied is safe
- work to stop the bullying happening again
- provide support to the person being bullied.

What should you do?

Talk to someone you trust and get them to help you take the right steps to stop the bullying.

If you feel you are being bullied:

- try to stay calm and look as confident as you can
- be firm and clear — look them in the eye and tell them to stop
- get away from the situation as quickly as possible
- tell an adult what has happened straight away or if you prefer, tell another pupil
- keep any texts, posts or messages so that you can show them to somebody.

If you have been bullied:

- tell a teacher or another adult in your school (e.g. Head of Year, Form Tutor, Matron)
- tell your family
- if you are scared to tell a teacher or an adult on your own, ask a friend to go with you
- keep on speaking until someone listens and does something to stop the bullying
- don't blame yourself for what has happened.

When you are talking to an adult about bullying be clear about:

- what has happened to you
- how often it has happened
- who was involved
- who saw what was happening
- where it happened
- what you have done about it already.

If you find it difficult to talk to anyone at school or at home, ring ChildLine on **freephone 0800 1111**, this is a confidential, free helpline. Alternatively, you can visit the Childline website at www.childline.org.uk

There is also **Get Connected**, a free, confidential helpline for young people under 25 on **0808 801 0300**