

BULLYING IN SCHOOLS

WHAT IS BULLYING IN SCHOOLS?

Bullying at school can be anything like name calling, intimidating and threatening behaviour, social exclusion and isolation and violence i.e. hitting, smacking, punching, kicking, biting, verbal abuse, stealing money or belongings.

WHY DOES IT START?

Often bullies are jealous and envious of their victims. They bully for reasons such as: race, religion, skin or hair colour, families, a disability, looks or weight. It may start with a disagreement with a former friend.

HOW TO STOP IT.

Talk to someone

Tell a teacher and your parents.

Make them listen!

Parents need to approach school and speak to a teacher. If bullying persists keep a diary of all incidents. Your parents should write to the head teacher and the chair of governors. If any type of assault takes place at school a parent should contact the local police community, or school liaison officer.

If the bullying persists and the school are unable to stop it your parent should contact your LEA education welfare officer for advice. If all else fails consider changing schools or be educated at home.

HELP

- ▶▶ Bullying online
(www.help@bullying.co.uk)
- ▶▶ Magic Roundabout, 23 Richmond Road, Kingston,
020 89749252. Provides information on and support for
bullying.
- ▶▶ Check out www.younglavin.org.uk for lots of useful information
- ▶▶ Samaritans (08457909090)
- ▶▶ LEA youth services, i.e. drop in centre or youth club
- ▶▶ Visit www.educationotherwise.co.uk for advice on home
educating
- ▶▶ Contact local police community or school liaison officer

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A boy came up behind me, got me into a headlock and strongly squeezed my breasts.

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