

Anti-bullying campaign

Every year, we take part in the national Anti-bullying week, which aims to raise awareness of different forms of bullying and how to deal with it. This is part of our Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE). Please contact us with any queries.

This year's national anti-bullying theme is 'Change Starts With Us' and we use resources from the Anti-bullying Alliance website (www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk). Here is some information from the website:

The theme: Change Starts With Us

Small change. Big difference.

Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well in to adulthood. By making small, simple changes, we can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone. Because together, we can challenge bullying. Change starts with a conversation. It starts with checking in. It starts with work together.

Change starts here.

Change starts now.

Change starts with us.

This year the goal is to inform schools and settings, children and young people, parents and carers to know that it takes a collective responsibility to stop bullying. We are excited for this campaign as we want to create empowering, positive messages addressing the fact that when it comes to bullying *CHANGE STARTS WITH US!*

At Woodside School we have a clear Anti-bullying Policy which you can find on our website. We aim to ensure that children learn in a supportive, caring and safe environment without fear of being bullied. **Bullying is anti-social behaviour and affects everyone; it is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.**

Woodside School has a zero tolerance approach to bullying; this does not mean that incidents of bullying will never occur- what it does mean is that staff will be alert to signs of bullying and challenge all behaviour which may lead to or result in bullying.

We recognise that bullying is upsetting for children and parents and we work closely to resolve issues, in partnership with parents. If you have any worries, please contact us straight away so that we can help.

The Anti-bullying week will take place from Mon 11th to Fri 15th November.

On the Tuesday (12th Nov), please encourage your child to wear odd socks! Odd Socks Day is when people are encouraged to wear a pair of odd socks to celebrate individuality and allow them to express themselves by showing how unique everyone is. The campaign is supported by Andy Day, CBeebies star, and his band Andy and the Odd Socks. They've written an amazing song called 'Change' which we aim to teach the children.

Dates for your diaries:

24th and 25th October INSET days, no children on these days please.

28th October to 1st November Half term

14th November—Flu Vaccinations

Christmas Performance dates will be published after the holiday



This term's value is DETERMINATION we need to try hard to achieve our goals

Ethos, Aims and Values

School Ethos

We strive to establish a caring community, whose attitudes and values are built on mutual trust and respect for all. Our intention is that every member of the school community feels valued and respected, and that each person is treated fairly and well. We promote an effective learning environment, so that everyone can feel happy, safe and secure. We endeavour to show compassion, understanding, good manners and conduct in all that we do so that Woodside School and all the people within it are proud of where they belong.

Aim

Our aim is to provide an enriched and secure learning environment in which every child can achieve their potential across all areas of school life: academic, creative, sporting and social.

To achieve the above, we aim to:

- raise achievement, setting high standards in learning and teaching
- provide the best possible education, ensuring all children make good progress
- ensure that all pupils experience high quality and purposeful teaching and learning
- actively involve children and their parents in their learning
- focus on developing literacy and numeracy skills and to balance the remaining teaching and learning time across the range of subjects, so that our children will be confident in a wide range of skills and abilities
- develop a school which relates to and respects the immediate environment, the wider community and the world beyond. To achieve this we emphasise outdoor learning; a commitment to promoting environmental awareness; links with local schools and our development of international cultural awareness

Our Values are:

Friendship, Respect, Self-belief, Tolerance, Determination and Courage

The Five Ways to Well-being are:

Keep learning, Be Active, Connect, Take Notice and Give

Pupil Premium Grant

Our 2019-20 pupil premium strategy is on our website

Home-school contact

Communication about events is mainly through the newsletter, paper calendar and app. We appreciate that some parents cannot get internet connection so paper copies are provided on request.

App messages are copied onto the newsletter; there is a delay between the two types of communication as the app is instant. The newsletter is copied onto the website. Please check frequently for communications from school and please contact us if you have any queries or concerns- we are always willing to help.