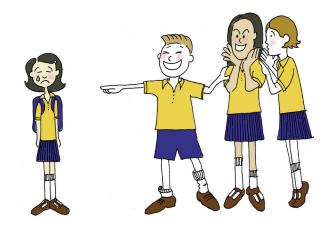
Bullying... Information for Families

Bullying is

- When a child, or a group of children, deliberately upset or hurt another child
- behaviour that happens more than once
- can include hitting, name calling and spreading rumours



Bullying is not

- an argument between children where both children are upset
- something that happens only once



Is my child being bullied?

If so, they might be:



Not wanting to go to school



Not doing as well at school



Lacking confidence



Asking for or stealing money (to pay to bullies)

Is my child being bullied?

If so, they might be:



Upset



Coming home with bruises, cuts or scratches



Bullying other people

What can I do if my child is being bullied?



Listen





Be supportive





Get the facts:

- Who is involved?
- What happened?
- Where did it happen?
- Why did it happen?
- When did it happen?





Teach them to deal with the bully by:

- Saying 'leave me alone' and walking away
- Staying away from bullies
- Making new friends
- Reporting bullying to a teacher they trust



What can I do if my child is being bullied?



Work with the school to fix the problem:

- Arrange a meeting with your child's teacher
- You can also meet with the school's counsellor



Don't

Tell your child to fight back





Try to fix the problem by talking with the other children or parents



What can I do if my child is being a bully?



Stay calm and work with the school to fix the problem





Help your child to learn about good behaviour



Don't



Try to fix the problem by talking with the other children or parents



What can I do to help stop bullying at my child's school?



Report any bullying (even if it does not involve your child)





Tell them why bullying is wrong





Encourage them to make and keep happy friendships





Don't

Accept bullying in the house



What can I do if I am being bullied?

1. Ignore it.



If that doesn't work...

2. Talk to the person bullying you.

Ask them to stop.

If that doesn't work...

3. Talk to a teacher.



If that doesn't work...

4. Talk to the Principal.

What can I do if I see someone being bullied?

Sometimes it is scary getting involved and you may not want to.

If you feel you can... say something to the bully then

tell a teacher.



If that seems difficult tell a teacher or a parent. You can do this in confidence.

Let the person being bullied know you didn't think what was happening was ok. Be supportive.

