



United Against Bullying

...The Defender

They don't stand by and watch when they see bullying. They follow the STOP code.

See bullies

Tell someone

Offer kindness

Protect each other

Defenders know that they can tell any adult in school what they have seen and be confident that they will act. Defenders try their best to support someone being bullied by being their friend and helping to take some of the power away from the group.



We aim for every child
at St John Vianney
Catholic Primary School
to have the confidence
to be a defender.

If you require any additional information or have any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or contact the school office.

For general information please visit:
www.antibullyingalliance.org.uk

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At St John Vianney Catholic Primary School we firmly believe that children have the right to learn in an environment which is free from fear and intimidation. We are completely opposed to bullying and it will not be tolerated.

Our pupils and staff stand united against bullying and work together to ensure that children are safe, happy and given the opportunity to thrive.

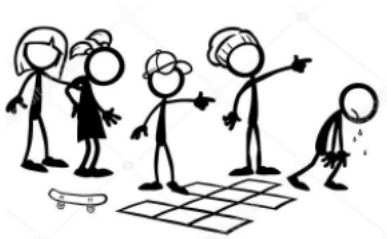
We approach bullying in our school and deal with it as a GROUP behaviour.

All the children have been learning about the different roles involved in bullying.

We have put this leaflet together to explain exactly what bullying is and what the different roles are.

What is bullying?

Bullying is when someone, or a group, repeatedly intends to cause harm, either physically or emotionally, to another person or group. Bullying can happen face to face or online.



Bullying is a repeated behaviour and it is almost always a group behaviour.

The children and staff at St John Vianney have worked together to explore the roles and relationships involved, in order to truly understand the causes of bullying.

The Ringleader

Their behaviour is hurtful to other people either physically or emotionally. They are powerful in comparison to the target and their behaviour is encouraged and reinforced by others in the group.

The Target

They feel worried/threatened/sad because of the way they are being treated by the group.



The Reinforcer

They support the ringleader by encouraging them to continue with the bullying behaviour and their presence ensures the power balance remains with the group.

The Assistant

They are not usually involved directly with the bullying, but they offer support to the ringleader, perhaps by laughing or encouragement.

The Outsider

They often see the bullying behaviour and even though they know it is wrong, they decide to ignore the behaviour or walk away. They don't want to become involved in case the bullying becomes directed towards them.

There is one more role in a bullying situation...