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Dear Parent/Carer

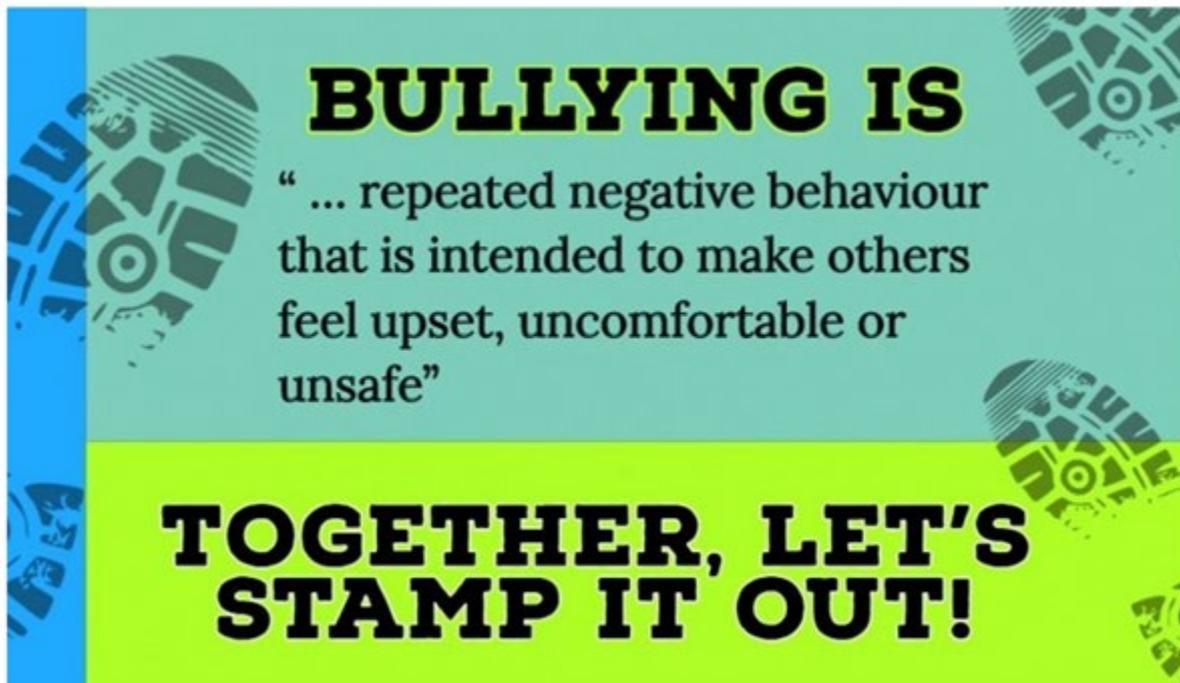
Anti-Bullying Response

Summary of actions required	Deadline
For Information Only	N/A

Bottisham Village College has a zero-tolerance approach to bullying and a well-established approach, which was developed a few years ago, as part of a project with the Diana Award. However, we have seen a rise in bullying incidents and decided this year to review our approach.

To explain this process to students, we held assemblies with students during Anti-Bullying week. Our Student Leadership Team supported the assembly and presented our definition of bullying, how bullying can be categorised, some examples of bullying behaviour, and the profound impact bullying can have.

Below is the definition of bullying, which Bottisham Village College has adopted.



After undertaking some student focus groups, we adapted the way we respond when bullying is reported. Students told us, they are often afraid to report bullying or child-on-child





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abuse, because they are worried the school's response will be heavy-handed and may make their situation worse. They were concerned that perpetrators and witnesses will be pulled out of lessons to write statements and the bullying will be dealt with in a very public way which may make things worse for them in the longer term. We have therefore added an additional step (step number 2) to our response. After learning about a bullying incident, we will always listen to the victim and take their wishes and feelings into consideration before proceeding with the additional steps.



Just a reminder, if you are concerned about the well-being or safety of one of our students, or you would like to report bullying, please use our support line: support@bottishamvc.org.

Developing our Anti-Bullying Strategy

We are working with the Anti-Bullying Alliance, to review our Anti-Bullying Strategy. This will involve, surveying students, conducting student focus groups, and reviewing our PSHE curriculum, Anti-Bullying Policy, and procedures. If you would like to provide any feedback, that will support us develop our approach, please do get in touch (you can use support@bottishamvc.org to provide feedback to us).

If you would like further information regarding our current Anti-Bullying strategy, please visit our website:

[ANTI-BULLYING – Bottisham Village College \(bottishamvc.org\)](http://bottishamvc.org)

Rainbow Flag Award: Finally, we are pleased to share the news that Bottisham Village College, working with the Kite Trust has achieved the Rainbow Flag Award. The award supports schools to combat and prevent homophobic, biphobic and transphobic (HBT) bullying and promote inclusion for all students. This work has involved evaluating and developing our curriculum, as well as providing training for staff.

At Bottisham Village College we will continue to strive to ensure our practice reflects the diverse community we live in, and that all our students learn in a safe environment. If you



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have any questions about gender or diversity or feel your child or family could benefit from any additional support, please do get in touch to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Fullman
Deputy Principal



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