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Dear Parents / Carers,

Anti-Bullying Guidance for New Year 7 parents

As a school we aim to communicate clearly to all members of our community that any form of bullying or harassment is unacceptable. We are looking forward to welcoming your daughter when she starts with us in September, we very much hope that she will feel happy and safe during her time here and it is most likely that she will never experience bullying.

How to report incidents of bullying

However, if you have concerns as a parent that your daughter or another pupil is being bullied, we urge you to report them, so that we can take appropriate action. Reports can be made via a letter, phone call or email to your daughter's Senior Tutor or online through the Sharp System on the school website. Please include your daughter's name and form when making a Sharp report. If bullying is occurring online or via text message, take a screen shot or print out, if possible. If you prefer to meet with the Senior Tutor to discuss your concerns in person, please phone the school reception or email admin@aggs.trafford.sch.uk to request an appointment.

What happens when bullying is reported?

All reports of bullying are recorded and investigated by the Senior Tutor team. The Senior Tutor will speak to the person making the report in the first instance. Our principle aim is to bring an end to the bullying as soon as possible. We employ a range of strategies to tackle bullying and provide support for those involved. One of these strategies is known as Restorative Practice. Senior Tutors are trained as facilitators of Restorative Practice and have found that, when used appropriately, this strategy can be an effective means to restore harm and rebuild relationships between pupils. The Senior Tutor will keep parents informed of the outcome of all steps taken, which concern their daughter.

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

A team of pupils in Years 9-11 have been trained by the Diana Award charity as Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. They take a lead in anti-bullying campaigns across the school and run a film club available for Year 7 pupils to drop in twice a week during lunchtime, where they can talk about their worries with an Ambassador and meet new people in their year group.

To read the school's Anti-Bullying Policy in full, access other documents recently issued to parents on Cyber-Bullying and E-Safety or to view a video about the work of our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, please visit the Parents' Area / Anti-Bullying on the school website.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Bond

Lead Senior Tutor

