



HORRIS HILL SCHOOL
SCHOOL POLICY ON BULLYING
Pupil Version



We are known as a happy school and one of the reasons for this is that there is very little bullying. But it still can and does happen occasionally, so we must all watch out for it and do everything we can to stop it.

Bullying may be defined as **“Any form of behaviour which causes unhappiness for another member of the school”**. It generally happens when adults are absent, and be caused by an individual or a group. It is repeated over time and is intended to hurt either physically or emotionally.

Types of bullying can be physical, verbal, excluding from groups or activities, racist, religious, cultural, homophobic, sexist, regarding special educational needs or disability, rumour spreading or cyber-bullying (eg by text messaging, via sexting, messages via networking sites, e-mails or photographs) or forms of harassment.

If you experience such behaviour yourself, or see it being inflicted on another boy, you must **TELL** someone as soon as possible. To begin with, that someone could be another boy, but either you or he must come and talk to an adult about it. This might be your Tutor, other Teacher, a Gap student or your parents - some adult you find it easy to talk to.

That adult may be able to deal with the situation there and then. However, he or she may feel that it would be better to bring it to the attention of the Head of Pastoral or Headmaster.

The same procedure applies if a boy is being bullied by an adult - you must tell someone and make sure another adult knows about it.

REPORTING BULLYING IS NOT TELLING TALES

There is no set solution. One case of bullying can be very different from another and will be dealt with accordingly by the staff involved or the Headmaster. The important thing is to say something.

REMEMBER: There are no innocent bystanders when it comes to bullying.
 If you witness it and do nothing to help, then you yourself become part of
 the bullying group.

REMEMBER: **TELL** someone about it and then something can be done.