



# Coastal Together



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## PSHE Key Concepts: Bullying

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. At Mundesley Infant School, we believe in fostering a safe and supportive environment for all our students. As part of our commitment to the holistic development of our students, we recently engaged our pupils in thought-provoking discussions under the Personal, Social, Health, and Economic (PSHE) education curriculum. Our latest topic, "Society and Identity," delved into the themes of what makes each child special and how they can contribute to helping others. To further strengthen our commitment to this goal, our teachers will be conducting educational activities with the children to address the issue of bullying.

Understanding that the term "bullying" can sometimes be misunderstood, we aim to ensure that both students and parents have a clear and unified understanding of what constitutes bullying. We want to emphasise that bullying is persistent and purposeful behaviour intended to harm others physically, emotionally, or socially. It is crucial to differentiate between ordinary conflicts or disagreements and behaviour that meets the criteria for bullying.

To introduce these concepts to our EYFS and KS1 students, we will be incorporating age-appropriate literature that touches on the theme of bullying during our weekly class shared reading sessions. These carefully selected books will help the children explore the various aspects of bullying, understand its impact, and learn appropriate strategies to respond.

We will be reminding our students about the importance of reporting any conflicts or instances of bullying. Teachers will discuss with the children who they can turn to if they ever feel upset or if they believe they have experienced bullying. We want to assure both students and parents that our teachers are committed to providing a listening ear and support in such situations. Our goal is to create an environment where every child feels heard, valued, and safe.

Our objective is to promote a shared understanding of the definition of bullying, create an open dialogue between students, parents, and teachers, and establish clear communication channels for addressing any concerns. We encourage you to take this opportunity to discuss the topic with your child and reinforce the importance of respectful behaviour within and outside the school environment.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding this initiative, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher or the school administration. We value your partnership in creating a positive and inclusive atmosphere for all students.

Thank you for your ongoing support in promoting a safe and nurturing educational experience for our students.

Sincerely,

**Sophie Bugg**

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