

6th November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week on Tuesday 12th November 2024

From Monday 11th November until Friday 15th November we are supporting and raising awareness as part of the National Anti-Bullying Week, 2024. The theme for Anti-Bullying Week this year is "Choose Respect". We will be focusing on this theme during Tutor time to promote awareness about bullying.

As part of Anti-Bullying Week and to celebrate that every student and adult is unique, on Tuesday **12th November** we will be giving all students an opportunity to support 'Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week'. There is no pressure for parents to buy expensive costumes or clothes. All your child must do is to wear Odd Socks! Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun and an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique.

If your child wishes to take part, they should wear Odd Socks to school, it could not be simpler!

Please do encourage your child to take part in this event, the important thing is the message of Odd Socks Day – it is not essential to donate any money but if you can do so, this is a bonus. We would like to invite students to make a £1 donation (or anything you think is appropriate) to support the Anti-Bullying Alliance to continue running Anti-Bullying Week and promoting awareness of this prominent issue across all schools.

Please can we ask parents who wish to donate to use the link provided below using Parent Pay. Any amount donated will be gratefully received by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and will be used directly to support anti-bullying campaigns for children across the UK.

As parents and carers, we worry about our children, all we want is for them to be happy, healthy, and safe. With that in mind, it is only natural that we worry about bullying - particularly if we think our child may be more vulnerable to bullying, or we have experienced bullying ourselves. The Anti-Bullying Alliance works with children, families, and schools to help keep children safe, and address bullying. A parent or carer is a vital piece of the puzzle in tackling bullying.

There are lots of positive steps you can take to help keep your child safe from bullying and harm. One of the steps is knowing when to ask for support. At the end of this letter, we have included a link to details of organisations who can help. This tool was written by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and Kidscape, designed to give you information about bullying, tips about what to do if you are worried about bullying and the tools to help you talk to your children about bullying. If you have any questions or would like further information or support about this issue, please do not hesitate to contact a member of your child's Pastoral Team.

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Yours faithfully



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