

# ABBOTSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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'It Really Does Matter'

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## Anti Bullying Week 13-17th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week is the national Anti-Bullying Week. The theme of 'Make A Noise About Bullying' came about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. Each year group will have an assembly about one aspect of bullying during the week.

Like every year, we begin the week with Odd Socks Day on the Monday of Anti-Bullying Week. Odd Socks Day is a chance for schools to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a positive way by asking pupils and staff to wear odd socks to school. There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or buy expensive costumes. All you need to do to take part is wear odd socks, it could not be simpler!

For your information, I also attach our 'anti-bullying flowchart'. We use the term 'bullying' very carefully in school so that everyone is clear what bullying is. We have PSHE lessons and assemblies throughout the year about what bullying is and what to do if you are being bullied or if you know someone else is being bullied. If there is inappropriate behaviour which does not fit the criteria for bullying, we still deal with it carefully and ensure the school behaviour policy is followed.

We want every child (and family member) to be confident that bullying will always be dealt with effectively.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Brocklesby  
Deputy Headteacher

