

OMAGH INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL, NURSERY & PRE-SCHOOL

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Dear Parent

ANTI BULLYING QUESTIONNAIRE

During Anti Bullying Week earlier this year, we carried out a survey to get your feedback on how we deal with alleged incidents of bullying in our school.

Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete the survey. Your views are informing our ongoing review of practice and policy.

As part of that process, we are pleased to share the following from the completed surveys: 100% of respondents felt that the following were true or mostly true in our school:

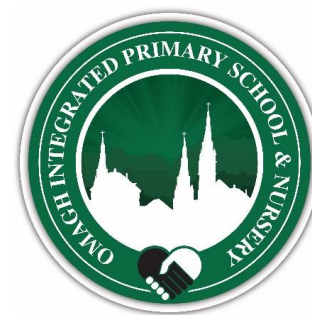
- The school is fully committed to creating an environment of care and trust for all pupils
- High standards of behaviour are expected and are evident in the school
- All staff are fair, firm, consistent and compassionate in their approach to promoting positive behaviour
- Teachers and assistants help my child to feel safe in the playground
- The achievements of all pupils are recognised, valued, and celebrated so that pupils' self-esteem is enhanced
- My child feels safe from bullying on the way to and from school
- In school, pupils learn to respect and appreciate differences
- Through PATHS, pupils learn to express their feelings in appropriate ways
- Through PATHS and PDMU, pupils are provided with opportunities to develop skills of assertiveness and self-protection

In addition, 99% of respondents felt that it was true to mostly true that:

- Good relationships between teachers and pupils exist in and out of the classroom
- The pupils are encouraged to value one another and to express their own views while appreciating the views of others
- My child feels secure and free from emotional and physical harm in school

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96% of survey responses indicated that you felt it was true or mostly true that:

- Pupils feel able to express concerns about bullying to any member of staff, knowing that these will be received sympathetically, and that appropriate action will be taken
- You are aware of clearly defined procedures for reporting and recording bullying incidents in school
- There is frequent and effective liaison with parents and incidents of bullying are tackled in partnership with parents.

Whilst we are delighted with the high degree of confidence in our practice and procedures, we will endeavour to improve so that we can continue to ensure that our pupils:

- Feel safe and secure from emotional and physical harm in school
- Benefit from high expectations for behaviour and
- Know that they are respected, valued, and listened to.

Further information on changes to our policy and practice will be communicated in due course.

Child Protection & Safeguarding

A reminder that our Child Protection Policy is available to view on our website.

This policy provides details on the measures that we take here in our school to ensure that our pupils are safe and enjoy a caring, supportive, and safe environment, where each child is valued and able to develop to their full potential.

This policy sets out guidance on the action, which is required where abuse or harm to a child is suspected and outlines referral procedures within our school.

Please take the time to read this policy carefully and, familiarise yourself with the steps that you can take as a parent, should you have a child protection concern.

Our school Safeguarding Team:

Mrs Daphne McKernan – Designated Teacher for Child Protection

Mrs Siobhan Taggart – Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection

Mrs Helen McLaughlin - Designated Governor for Child Protection

Mr Martin McQuaid – Chair of Board of Governors

Mr Gallagher – Principal

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