



LARNE AND INVER PRIMARY SCHOOL ANTI BULLYING ADVICE 2020



'**Bullying** includes (but is not limited to) the repeated use of any verbal, written or electronic communication, any other act (e.g. physical or **omission**), or any combination of those, by a pupil or a group of pupils against another pupil or group of pupils, with the intention of causing physical or emotional harm to that pupil or group of pupils.' (Addressing Bullying In Schools Act Northern Ireland 2016)



Forms of Bullying

Although no list can be exhaustive, bullying can take a number of forms including:

- Physical violence such as hitting, pushing, kicking, stealing etc.
- Verbal - name calling, threatening, teasing, mocking, telling lies etc.
- **Omission – excluding someone from a game or class/group activity**
- Electronic Acts - the misuse of areas of the internet e.g. email and chat rooms, mobile threats by text messaging and calls or the misuse of associated technology e.g. camera and video facilities.

Dear Parents

Every family will soon receive a copy of the Anti-Bullying Parental Summary. If you would like another copy, or a copy of the full policy, please contact the school office.



You will see from the new definition of bullying above that the word **OMISSION is now clearly stated as being a form of bullying. This can be done intentionally or unintentionally but, nevertheless, can be hurtful.**

To comply with the DENI and EA guidelines, the Board of Governors now requests that any party/activity invitations which are to be distributed in school should no longer **EXCLUDE any child in the class i.e. every child in the class should receive an invitation. This is also applicable to Christmas cards.**

Parents are obviously free to make their own private arrangements for invitations outside of school but, if invitations are to be distributed in school, we ask all parents and carers to follow this simple rule. This will hopefully ensure that all of the children in our care remain happy and do not feel 'left out'.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please feel free to speak to me immediately.

**Regards
Kirk Patterson
Principal**

