# **Anti-Bullying Policy**



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# Anti-Bullying Policy Burriscarra N.S.

# **Full Compliance**

In accordance with the requirements of the Education (Welfare) Act 2000 and the code of behaviour guidelines issued by the NEWB, the Board of Management of Burriscarra National School has **adopted the following anti-bullying policy** within the framework of the school's overall code of behaviour. This policy fully complies with the requirements of the Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary schools which were published in September 2013.

# The main aims of our anti-bullying policy are as follows:

- To create a positive school culture and climate that is inclusive and welcoming of difference
- To create a school climate which is open, supportive and encourages pupils to disclose and discuss bullying behaviour
- To raise awareness amongst the entire school community (including school Management, teachers, pupils, parents, volunteers etc.) that bullying is unacceptable behaviour
- To ensure comprehensive supervision and monitoring through which all aspects of school activity are kept under observation
- To provide procedures for investigating and dealing with bullying behaviour
- To provide procedures for noting and reporting bullying behaviour
- To develop a programme of support for those affected by bullying behaviour and for those involved in bullying behaviour
- To work with and through the various local agencies in countering all forms of bullying and anti-social behaviour; and
- To facilitate ongoing evaluation of the effectiveness of the school's anti-bullying policy.

# **Key Principles of best practice**

The Board of Management recognises the very serious nature of bullying and the negative impact that it can have on the lives of pupils and is therefore fully committed to the following **key principles of best practice** in preventing and tackling bullying behaviour:

#### (a) A positive school culture and climate which

- is welcoming of difference and diversity and is based on inclusivity;
- encourages pupils to disclose and discuss incidents of bullying behaviour in a non-threatening environment; and
- promotes respectful relationships across the school community;

(For key elements of a positive school culture and climate see **Appendix 1**. For practical tips for building a positive school culture and climate see **Appendix 2**. Burriscarra N.S. recognises the importance of both in creating and maintaining a positive school culture and climate)

- (b) Effective leadership
- (c) A school-wide approach
- (d) A shared understanding of what bullying is and its impact
- (e) Implementation of education and prevention strategies (including awareness raising measures) that-
  - build empathy, respect and resilience in pupils; and
  - explicitly address the issues of cyber-bullying and identity-based bullying including homophobic and transphobic bullying
- (f) Effective supervision and monitoring of pupils
- (g) Supports for staff
- (h) Consistent recording, investigation and follow up of bullying behaviour (including use of established intervention strategies); and
- (i) On-going evaluation of the effectiveness of the anti-bullying policy.

# The definition of bullying

In accordance with the *Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools* bullying is defined as follows:

Bullying is unwanted negative behaviour, verbal, psychological or physical conducted, by an individual or group against another person (or persons) and which is repeated over time.

The following types of bullying behaviour are included in the definition of bullying:

- deliberate exclusion, malicious gossip and other forms of relational bullying,
- cyber-bullying and
- identity-based bullying such as homophobic bullying, racist bullying, bullying based on a person's membership of the Traveller community and bullying of those with disabilities or special educational needs.

Isolated or once-off incidents of intentional negative behaviour, including a once-off offensive or hurtful text message or other private messaging, do not fall within the definition of bullying and should be dealt with, as appropriate, in accordance with the school's code of behaviour.

However, in the context of this policy, placing a once-off offensive or hurtful public message, image or statement on a social network site or other public forum where that message, image or statement can be viewed and/or repeated by other people will be regarded as bullying behaviour.

Negative behaviour that does not meet this definition of bullying will be dealt with in accordance with the school's code of behaviour.

Additional information on different types of bullying is set out in Section 2 of the *Anti-Bullying Procedures* for *Primary and Post-Primary Schools*.

# **Examples of bullying behaviours**

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General behaviours	Harassment based on any of the nine grounds in the equality legislation e.g.		
which apply to all types	sexual harassment, homophobic bullying, racist bullying etc.		
of bullying	Physical aggression		
	Damage to property		
	Name calling		
	<ul> <li>Slagging</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>The production, display or circulation of written words, pictures or other</li> </ul>		
	materials aimed at intimidating another person		
	Offensive graffiti		
	Extortion		
	<ul> <li>Intimidation</li> </ul>		
	Insulting or offensive gestures		
	• The "look"		
	Invasion of personal space		
	A combination of any of the types listed.		
Cyber	Denigration: Spreading rumors, lies or gossip to hurt a person's reputation		
^	Harassment: Continually sending vicious, mean or disturbing messages to an		
	individual		
	Impersonation: Posting offensive or aggressive messages under another		
	person's name		
	Flaming: Using inflammatory or vulgar words to provoke an online fight		
	Trickery: Fooling someone into sharing personal information which you then		
	post online		
	Outing: Posting or sharing confidential or compromising information or		
	images		
	Exclusion: Purposefully excluding someone from an online group		
	Cyber stalking: Ongoing harassment and denigration that causes a person		
	considerable fear for his/her safety		
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	Silent telephone/mobile phone call  Abusing telephone (mobile phone calls)		
	Abusive telephone/mobile phone calls		

	A husing took massages
	Abusive text messages
	Abusive email
	Abusive communication on social networks e.g. Facebook, Ask.fm, Twitter,
	You Tube, Instagram, Snapchat, Tiktok or on games consoles
	Abusive website comments/Blogs/Pictures
	Abusive posts on any form of communication technology
Identity Based Behaviours	
	liscriminatory grounds mentioned in Equality Legislation (gender including transgender, exual orientation, religion, age, disability, race and membership of the Traveller
Homophobic and	Spreading rumours about a person's sexual orientation
Transgender	Taunting a person of a different sexual orientation
	Name calling e.g. Gay, queer, lesbianused in a derogatory manner
	Physical intimidation or attacks
	Threats
Race, nationality, ethnic	Discrimination, prejudice, comments or insults about colour, nationality,
background and	culture, social class, religious beliefs, ethnic or traveller background
membership of the	Exclusion on the basis of any of the above
Traveller community	Exclusion on the basis of any of the above
mavener community	
Relational	This involves manipulating relationships as a means of bullying. Behaviours include:
	Malicious gossip
	Isolation & exclusion
	Ignoring
	Excluding from the group
	Taking someone's friends away
	"Bitching"
	Spreading rumours
	Breaking confidence
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	<ul><li>Talking loud enough so that the victim can hear</li><li>The "look"</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>Use of terminology such as 'nerd' in a derogatory way</li> </ul>
Sexual	Unwelcome or inappropriate sexual comments or touching
	Harassment
Special Educational	Name calling
Needs,	Taunting others because of their disability or learning needs
Disability	Taking advantage of some pupils' vulnerabilities and limited capacity to
,	recognise and defend themselves against bullying
	Taking advantage of some pupils' vulnerabilities and limited capacity to
	understand social situations and social cues.
	Mimicking a person's disability
	Setting others up for ridicule

The relevant teachers for investigating and dealing with bullying are as follows: James Rafter & Marie Hughes.

(see Section 6.8 of the Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools):

Refer to section 6.8.3. and 6.8.4 in the Procedures.

Any teacher may act as a relevant teacher if circumstances warrant it.

# **Education and prevention strategies**

The education and prevention strategies (including strategies specifically aimed at cyberbullying, homophobic and transphobic bullying) that will be used by the school are as follows:

#### Sample Education and prevention strategies

#### School-wide approach

- A school-wide approach to the fostering of respect for all members of the school community.
- The promotion of the value of diversity to address issues of prejudice and stereotyping, and highlight the unacceptability of bullying behaviour.
- The fostering and enhancing of the self-esteem of all our pupils through both curricular and extracurricular activities. Pupils will be provided with opportunities:
- to develop a positive sense of self-worth through formal and informal interactions.
- Whole staff professional development on bullying to ensure that all staff develops an awareness of what bullying is, how it impacts on pupils' lives and the need to respond to it (prevention and intervention).
- An annual audit of professional development needs with a view to assessing staff requirements through internal staff knowledge/expertise and external sources
- Professional development with specific focus on the training of the relevant teacher(s)
- School wide awareness raising on all aspects of bullying, to include pupils, parent(s)/guardian(s) and the wider school community.
- Supervision and monitoring of classrooms, corridors, school grounds and school tours. Non-teaching and ancillary staff will be encouraged to be vigilant and report issues to relevant teachers. Supervision will also apply to monitoring student use of communication technology within the school.
- Development and promotion of an Anti-Bullying code for the school-to be displayed publicly in classrooms and in common areas of the school.
- The school's anti-bullying policy is discussed with pupils and all parent(s)/guardian(s)s are given a copy as part of the Code of Behaviour of the school (every year).
- Encourage a culture of telling, with emphasis on the importance of bystanders. In that way pupils will gain
  confidence in 'telling'. This confidence factor is of vital importance. It should be made clear to all pupils that
  when they report incidents of bullying they are not considered to be telling tales but are behaving
  responsibly.
- Ensuring that pupils know who to tell and how to tell, e.g.:
  - o Direct approach to teacher at an appropriate time, for example after class.
  - Hand note up with homework.
  - o Make a phone call to the school or to a trusted teacher in the school.
  - Get a parent(s)/guardian(s) or friend to tell on your behalf.
  - Administer a confidential questionnaire to all pupils.
  - Ensure bystanders understand the importance of telling if they witness or know that bullying is taking place.
- Identify clear protocols to encourage parent(s)/guardian(s) to approach the school if they suspect that their child is being bullied.
- Adhere strictly to the existing Acceptable Use Policy in the school to ensure that the access to technology within the school is strictly monitored, as is the pupils' use of mobile phones.

#### Implementation of curriculum

- The full implementation of the SPHE curriculum and the RSE and Stay Safe Programmes.
- Continuous Professional Development for staff in delivering these programmes.
- School wide delivery of lessons on bullying from evidence based programmes: Stay Safe Programme and The Walk Tall Programme.
- The school will specifically consider the additional needs of SEN pupils with regard to programme implementation and the development of skills and strategies to enable all pupils to respond appropriately.

#### Links to other policies

Ensure an ongoing awareness of school policies, practices and activities that are particularly relevant to bullying, e.g. Code of Behaviour, Child Safeguarding Sataement, Supervision of pupils, Acceptable Use policy, Statement of strategy for attendance etc.

# Procedures for investigating and dealing with bullying

The school's procedures for investigation, follow-up and recording of bullying behaviour and the established intervention strategies used by the school for dealing with cases of bullying behaviour are as follows (see Section 6.8.9. of the Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools):

#### 6.8.9. Procedures for Investigating and Dealing with Bullying

The primary aim in investigating and dealing with bullying is to resolve any issues and to restore, as far as is practicable, the relationships of the parties involved (rather than to apportion blame);

#### The school's procedures must be consistent with the following approach.

Every effort will be made to ensure that all involved (including pupils, parent(s)/guardian(s)) understand this approach from the outset.

#### Reporting bullying behaviour

- Any pupil or parent(s)/guardian(s) may bring a bullying incident to any teacher in the school.
- All reports, including anonymous reports of bullying, will be investigated and dealt with by the relevant teacher.
- Teaching and non-teaching staff such as secretaries, special needs assistants (SNAs), bus escorts, caretakers, cleaners must report any incidents of bullying behaviour witnessed by them, or mentioned to them, to the relevant teacher;

### Investigating and dealing with incidents: Style of approach

- In investigating and dealing with bullying, the (relevant)teacher will exercise his/her professional judgement to determine whether bullying has occurred and how best the situation might be resolved;
- Parent(s)/guardian(s) and pupils are required to co-operate with any investigation and assist the school in resolving any issues and restoring, as far as is practicable, the relationships of the parties involved as quickly as possible:
- Teachers should take a calm, unemotional problem-solving approach.
- Where possible incidents should be investigated outside the classroom situation to ensure the privacy of all involved;
- All interviews should be conducted with sensitivity and with due regard to the rights of all pupils concerned. Pupils who are not directly involved can also provide very useful information in this way;

- When analysing incidents of bullying behaviour, the relevant teacher should seek answers to questions of
  what, where, when, who and why. This should be done in a calm manner, setting an example in dealing
  effectively with a conflict in a non-aggressive manner;
- If a group is involved, each member should be interviewed individually at first. Thereafter, all those involved should be met as a group. At the group meeting, each member should be asked for his/her account of what happened to ensure that everyone in the group is clear about each other's statements; Each member of a group should be supported through the possible pressures that may face them from the other members of the group after the interview by the teacher; It may also be appropriate or helpful to ask those involved to write down their account of the incident(s)
- In cases where it has been determined by the relevant teacher that bullying behaviour has occurred, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the parties involved should be contacted at an early stage to inform them of the matter and explain the actions being taken (by reference to the school policy). The school should give parent(s)/guardian(s) an opportunity of discussing ways in which they can reinforce or support the actions being taken by the school and the supports provided to the pupils;
- Where the relevant teacher has determined that a pupil has been engaged in bullying behaviour, it should be made clear to him/her how he/she is in breach of the school's anti-bullying policy and efforts should be made to try to get him/her to see the situation from the perspective of the pupil being bullied;
- It must also be made clear to all involved (each set of pupils and parent(s)/guardian(s)) that in any situation where disciplinary sanctions are required, this is a private matter between the pupil being disciplined, his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) and the school.

#### Follow up and recording

- In determining whether a bullying case has been adequately and appropriately addressed the relevant teacher must, as part of his/her professional judgement, take the following factors into account:
  - Whether the bullying behaviour has ceased;
  - Whether any issues between the parties have been resolved as far as is practicable;
  - -Whether the relationships between the parties have been restored as far as is practicable;
  - -Any feedback received from the parties involved, their parent(s)/guardian(s)s or the school Principal or Deputy Principal
- Follow-up meetings with the relevant parties involved should be arranged separately with a view to possibly bringing them together at a later date if the pupil who has been bullied is ready and agreeable.
- Where a parent(s)/guardian(s) is not satisfied that the school has dealt with a bullying case in accordance with these procedures, the parent(s)/guardian(s) must be referred, as appropriate, to the school's complaints procedures.
- In the event that a parent(s)/guardian(s) has exhausted the school's complaints procedures and is still not satisfied, the school must advise the parent(s)/guardian(s) of their right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman for Children.

#### Recording of bullying behaviour

It is imperative that all recording of bullying incidents must be done in an objective and factual manner. The school's procedures for noting and reporting bullying behaviour are as follows:

#### Informal- pre-determination that bullying has occurred

- All staff must keep a written record of any incidents witnessed by them or notified to them. Consideration
  needs to be given to where the records will be made e.g. incident book. All incidents must be reported to the
  relevant teacher
- While all reports, including anonymous reports of bullying must be investigated and dealt with by the
  relevant teacher, the relevant teacher must keep a written record of the reports, the actions taken and any
  discussions with those involved regarding same

The relevant teacher must inform the principal of all incidents being investigated.

#### Formal Stage 1-determination that bullying has occurred

- If it is established by the relevant teacher that bullying has occurred, the relevant teacher must keep appropriate written records which will assist his/her efforts to resolve the issues and restore, as far as is practicable, the relationships of the parties involved.
- The school in consultation with the relevant teacher/s should develop a protocol for the storage of all records retained by the relevant teacher

#### Formal Stage 2-Appendix 3 (From DES Procedures)

The relevant teacher must use the recording template at **Appendix 3** to record the bullying behaviour in the following circumstances:

- a) in cases where he/she considers that the bullying behaviour has not been adequately and appropriately addressed within 20 school days after he/she has determined that bullying behaviour occurred; and
- b) Where the school has decided as part of its anti-bullying policy that in certain circumstances bullying behaviour must be recorded and reported immediately to the Principal or Deputy Principal as applicable.

The school may list behaviours that must be recorded and reported immediately to the principal. These should be in line with the school's code of behaviour.

When the recording template is used, it must be retained by the relevant teacher in question and a copy maintained by the principal. These records will be kept in a secure location and may be accessed by relevant teachers when necessary.

#### **Established intervention strategies**

- Teacher interviews with all pupils
- Negotiating agreements between pupils and following these up by monitoring progress. This can be on an informal basis or implemented through a more structured mediation process
- Working with parent(s)/guardian(s)s to support school interventions
- No Blame Approach
- Circle Time

#### Intervention strategies which may be used

- Restorative interviews
- Restorative conferencing
- Implementing questionnaires
- Peer mediation where suitable training has been given

The school's programme of support for working with pupils affected by bullying is as follows (see Section 6.8.16 of the Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools):

- All in-school supports and opportunities will be provided for the pupils affected by bullying
  to participate in activities designed to raise their self-esteem, to develop friendships and
  social skills and build resilience e.g.
  - Group work such as circle time
  - Walk Tall programme

- If pupils require counselling or further supports the school will endeavour to liaise with the appropriate agencies to organise same. This may be for the pupil affected by bullying or involved in the bullying behaviour.
- Pupils should understand that there are no innocent bystanders and that all incidents of bullying behaviour must be reported to a teacher.

# **Supervision and Monitoring of Pupils**

The Board of Management confirms that appropriate supervision and monitoring policies and Practices are in place to both prevent and deal with bullying behaviour and to facilitate early intervention where possible.

#### **Prevention of Harassment**

The Board of Management confirms that the school will, in accordance with the obligations under equality legislation, take all such steps that are reasonably practicable to prevent the sexual harassment of pupils or staff on any of the nine grounds specified i.e. gender including transgender, civil status, family status, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, race and membership of the Traveller community.

This policy has been made available to school personnel, published on the school website (or where none
exists, is otherwise readily accessible to parents and pupils on request) and provided to the Parents'
Association (where one exists). A copy of this policy will be made available to the Department and the

This policy was reviewed by the Board of Management on

patron if requested.

This policy and its implementation will be reviewed by the Board of Management once in every school year (see appendix 4). Written notification that the review has been completed will be made available to school personnel, published on the school website (or where none exists, be otherwise readily accessible to parents and pupils on request) and provided to the Parents' Association (where one exists). A record of the review and its outcome will be made available, if requested, to the patron and the Department.

Signed:		Signed:		
	(Chairperson of Board of Management)	(Principal)		
Date:		Date:		
Date of	next review:			

# Appendix 1. Key elements of a positive school culture and climate

- The school acknowledges the right of each member of the school community to enjoy school in a secure environment.
- The school acknowledges the uniqueness of each individual and his/her worth as a human being.
- The school promotes habits of self-respect, self-discipline and responsibility among all its members.
- The school prohibits vulgar, offensive, sectarian or other aggressive behaviour or language by any of its members.
- The school has a clear commitment to promoting equity in general and gender equity in particular in all aspects of its functioning.
- The school has the capacity to change in response to pupils' needs.
- The school identifies aspects of curriculum through which positive and lasting influences can be exerted towards forming pupils' attitudes and values.
- The school takes particular care of "at risk" pupils and uses its monitoring systems to facilitate early intervention where necessary and it responds to the needs, fears or anxieties of individual members in a sensitive manner.
- The school recognises the need to work in partnership with and keep parents informed on procedures to improve relationships on a school-wide basis.
- The school recognises the role of parents in equipping the pupil with a range of life-skills.
- The school recognises the role of other community agencies in preventing and dealing with bullying.
- The school promotes habits of mutual respect, courtesy and an awareness of the interdependence of people in groups and communities.
- The school promotes qualities of social responsibility, tolerance and understanding among all its members both in school and out of school.
- Staff members share a collegiate responsibility, under the direction of the Principal, to act in preventing bullying/aggressive behaviour by any member of the school community.

#### Appendix 2. Practical tips for building a positive school culture and climate

The following are some practical tips for immediate actions that can be taken to help build a positive school culture and climate to help prevent and tackle bullying behaviour.

- Model respectful behaviour to all members of the school community at all times.
- Explicitly teach pupils what respectful language and respectful behaviour looks like, acts like, sounds like and feel like in class and around the school.
- Display key respect messages in classrooms, in assembly areas and around the school. Involve pupils in the development of these messages.
- Catch them being good notice and acknowledge desired respectful behaviour by providing positive attention.
- Consistently tackle the use of discriminatory and derogatory language in the school this includes homophobic and racist language and language that is belittling of pupils with a disability or SEN.
- Give constructive feedback to pupils when respectful behaviour and respectful language are ignored.
- Explicitly teach pupils about the appropriate use of social media.
- Positively encourage pupils to comply with the school rules on mobile phone and internet use. Follow up and follow through with pupils who ignore the rules.
- Actively promote the right of every member of the school community to be safe and secure in school.
- Highlight and explicitly teach school rules in pupil friendly language in the classroom and in common areas.
- All staff can actively watch out for signs of bullying behaviour.
- Ensure there is adequate playground/school yard/outdoor supervision.

Name			Class			
	class(es) of pupil(s) eng	aged in bul		 ur		
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3. Source of bully	ing concern/report (tid	ck relevant	box(es))*			
Pupil concerned						
Other Pupil						
Parent						
Teacher						
Other						
4. Location of inc	idents (tick relevant bo	x(es))*				
Playground						
Classroom						
Corridor						
Toilets						
School Bus						
Other						
5. Name of perso	n(s) who reported the	bullying co	ncern			
6. Type of Bullyin	g Behaviour (tick releva	ant box(es)	) *			
Physical Aggression	on		Cyber-bu	llying		
Damage to Property			Intimidation			
Damage to Prope	Isolation/Exclusion			Malicious Gossip		
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# **Appendix 4**

# Checklist for annual review of the anti-bullying policy and its implementation

The Board of Management (the Board) must undertake an annual review of the school's anti-bullying policy and its implementation. The following checklist must be used for this purpose. The checklist is an aid to conducting this review and is not intended as an exhaustive list. In order to complete the checklist, an examination and review involving both quantitative and qualitative analysis, as appropriate across the various elements of the implementation of the school's anti-bullying policy will be required.

Yes/No

Has the Board formally adopted an anti-bullying policy that fully complies	
with the requirements of the Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and	
Post-Primary Schools?	
Has the Board published the policy on the school website and provided a	
copy to the parents' association?	
Has the Board ensured that the policy has been made available to school staff	
(including new staff)?	
Is the Board satisfied that school staff are sufficiently familiar with the policy	
and procedures to enable them to effectively and consistently apply the	
policy and procedures in their day to day work?	
Has the Board ensured that the policy has been adequately communicated to	
all pupils?	
Has the policy documented the prevention and education strategies that the	
school applies?	
Have all of the prevention and education strategies been implemented?	
Has the effectiveness of the prevention and education strategies that have	
been implemented been examined?	
Is the Board satisfied that all teachers are recording and dealing with	
incidents in accordance with the policy?	
Has the Board received and minuted the periodic summary reports of the Principal?	
Has the Board discussed how well the school is handling all reports of bullying	
including those addressed at an early stage and not therefore included in the	
Principal's periodic report to the Board?	
Has the Board received any complaints from parents regarding the school's	
handling of bullying incidents?	
Have any parents withdrawn their child from the school citing dissatisfaction	
with the school's handling of a bullying situation?	
Have any Ombudsman for Children investigations into the school's handling of	
a bullying case been initiated or completed?	
Has the data available from cases reported to the Principal (by the bullying	
recording template) been analysed to identify any issues, trends or patterns	
in bullying behaviour?	

Has the Board identified any aspects of the sch	ool's policy and/or its
implementation that require further improvem	ient?
Has the Board put in place an action plan to ad	dress any areas for
improvement?	
Notification regarding the Board of Managem	ent's annual review of the anti-bullying policy
To:	<u> </u>
The Board of Management of	wishes to inform you that:
<ul> <li>The Board of Management's annual rev</li> </ul>	riew of the school's anti-bullying policy and its
implementation was completed at the I	Board meeting of [date].
	ce with the checklist set out in <b>Appendix 4</b> of the
Department's Anti-Bullying Procedures	for Primary and Post-Primary Schools.
Signed	Data
Signed Chairperson, Board of Management	Date
Champerson, Board of Management	
Signed	Date

Principal