Dear Parents/Carers,

Anti-Bullying Week

Our school is taking part in Anti-Bullying Week this term between Monday 14th–Friday 18th November 2016. Anti-Bullying Week helps schools across England to shine a spotlight on bullying and encourage all children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year.

The theme this year is ‘Power for Good’. It is organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and they have set the following key aims:

- To support children and young people to use their Power for Good – by understanding the ways in which they are powerful and encouraging individual and collective action to stop bullying and create the best world possible.
- To help parents and carers to use their Power for Good – through supporting children with issues relating to bullying and working together with schools to stop bullying.
- To encourage all teachers, school support staff and youth workers to use their Power for Good – by valuing the difference they can make in a child’s life, and taking individual and collective action to prevent bullying and create safe environments where children can thrive.

Activities for the week

- Jigsaw lessons - lessons will be covered during the week which will help to raise awareness and equip the children with an understanding as to how to stop bullying from happening.
- Assemblies – These will carry an anti-bullying theme throughout the week, alongside learning songs about friendship.
- Whole school display – each class will be producing work which will contribute towards a whole school anti-bullying display which will be put up outside the school kitchen area.
- Anti-Bullying/Stonewall parent workshop – This will give us a chance to share with you the academy’s approach to anti-bullying and to make you aware of our Stonewall training. It will be held in the school hall, from 9-10am on Tuesday 15th November. This workshop will then be repeated at 6-7pm that evening for parents who are unable to attend the morning option. As requested by a number of parents, we will of course make the information from the workshop available to be accessed upon the academy website, once the workshop has taken place.
- Non-Uniform Day – On Thursday 17th November we will be inviting the children to come to school dressed as either their favourite super hero (to link with the ‘Power over good’ theme) or to wear some item of blue clothing (blue being linked to anti-bullying) in exchange for donating £1 towards raising money for the work that the Anti-Bullying Alliance carries out.

We hope that the week will be a great success and that the children will gain a greater understanding of what bullying behaviour is and how to deal with it.

Yours sincerely

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