



MAIDEN ERLEGH

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Anti-Bullying Week – Monday 16 November to Friday 20 November 2020

I am writing to inform you that Maiden Erlegh School will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week from Monday 16 to Friday 20 November 2020. Anti-Bullying Week helps our school 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 'United Against Bullying'. For further information, please use this link for parents and carers: <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>.

At school we are keen that everyone knows how they can report concerns about bullying and in addition to telling a Tutor or Head of Year, we also have a dedicated email address: mestarget@maidenerleghtrust.org. This is displayed on posters around the school, but to raise the profile of this email address and to ensure continued use in the future, we will ask students to use this during Anti-Bullying Week and email in with examples of kindness that they have received or observed around school. Clearly, lots of house points will be awarded in recognition of these acts of kindness.

Anti-Bullying Policy and Student Guide

For further information on the school's Target Bullying Programme, the school policy and the student guide, please follow this link to our website, where these can be viewed in full: <http://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/page/?title=TARGET+Bullying&pid=43>. All students have taken part in their Anti-Bullying Assembly at the start of the academic year and there will be daily notices during Anti Bullying Week and information on the TV screens around school. We always welcome constructive feedback from you as parents and we will be inviting the school council to contribute on this subject too.

Target Bullying Programme

At Maiden Erlegh School we work with the Anti-Bullying Alliance to ensure that we have a robust Anti-Bullying Programme. They audit what we do each year and suggest improvement actions that we then implement. Last year we received a Silver Award, however we are always keen to do more and are working with them again this year. If someone is mean, rude or bullies one of our students we take this very seriously. We investigate the issue following our Behaviour Policy and then try to ensure that this doesn't occur again. We are keen to look at why children bully others and tackle the root cause of the issues involved. Some of these can be very complex and we are keen to work with parents to ensure a joint approach between school and home.

If you have any further questions or concerns, then please contact me directly.

Yours sincerely

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