



Assembly notices

Monday 15th November 2021

Reflection for the week

Bullying is a devastating, but unescapable truth that happens in places like schools and workplaces worldwide.

To frighten and abuse another person is not only frequent in our physical lives but has also emerged as a threat online – cyber bullying.

Bullies often bully as a way of showing power, or for the entertaining others.

One of the simplest ways of challenging bullying is to not be a bystander. If you see bullying happening, watching it does nothing to solve the problem. In fact, by watching bullying, it only encourages the bully. If you stand up to a bully and tell them to stop, you and the crowd switch the dominance of power. Even by telling an adult like a teacher or a police officer it will be an effective way of stopping a bully in their tracks.

If you feel as though you are being bullied – even though it seems hard to do - if you can, just walk away from the bully. If you provoke a bully further, it could make a situation worse. Bullies often bully for the attention of others.

If you ever are harmed physically, you must inform an adult or the police immediately to stop the bullying.

If you ever have the urge to be the bully, stop yourself immediately. Bullies often have the same reasons for bullying. If you have any personal problems that you find affecting you emotionally, seek help and talk to an adult, like a teacher or religious leader, instead of taking it out on another person. If you feel like doing something to hurt somebody else whether emotionally or physically – stop – think before you act – think about the consequences for the person being bullied. How would you feel if you were being treated the way there were?

Additionally, with the established presence of social media in our lives, cyber bullying has grown as a problem within society. Every week we publish advice on how to deal with cyber bullying. Remember:

Social media sites, including messaging apps, claim to have a zero-tolerance approach to cyber-bullying, however in a recent survey, 91% of people say that they were not satisfied with how the reports were dealt with.

All apps/ sites allow you to:

- Report abuse
- Block users.

If cyber bullying affects you speak with your parents or carers and it can be reported to the police – cyber bullying is a criminal offence. If the police were to investigate they can find the culprit pretty

easily – especially as every post, message, picture or video added to the internet leaves a digital footprint – even if the person who has added the post deletes it, the post still exists somewhere. However, some things should be considered:

- It is easier for cowards to write something abusive behind a computer screen than to say it in person
- Any post that is uploaded can be shared or screenshotted and sent to anyone
- Cyber bullying is a criminal offence. A cyber bully could therefore get a criminal record
- Cyber bullies can have their accounts deleted.

Please see the assembly notices for this week:

CHABOP

Please ensure that you visit the school's website on a Monday to read the Pupil Celebration Newsletter – see if you have been recognised for outstanding CHABOP or if you have been awarded a Gold Award, a Silver Award or a Bronze Award in your subjects!

Certificates will continue to be awarded for pupils who are recognised in the Pupil Celebration Newsletter. This week see if you can be extraordinary in your lessons and be celebrated for your extraordinary effort and achievement in lessons!

Uniform

You are reminded of uniform expectations:

You must have the correct uniform. **This includes haircuts which should be of a straight forward style – natural colour without lines or patterns. Lines cut into eyebrows are not allowed.**

Boys are not permitted to wear earrings. Girls are permitted to wear a small stud in the lobe of each ear. **No other piercings are permitted.**

Uniform includes: school blazer, school tie in house colours, formal white collar shirt, grey or black trousers (not denim), black or grey skirt for girls, black or grey socks, school shoes (not boots/ canvas shoes/ trainer style shoes).

Hair colour must be natural

For girls who wear a hijab this must be only plain dark blue, plain black, plain white or plain grey. Pupils who have breaches of school uniform will be sent home until corrected.

Taking pride in your environment

The school has spent nearly £1million over the Summer holidays on important repairs to the school building, decorating, equipment and making sure that the school is a wonderful learning atmosphere for you. Please respect all parts of the school whether it be the classroom, corridors, toilets, canteen, main hall or playground. This is your school. Look after your school.

Additionally, please be reminded that germs spread in toilets – when you use them properly and carefully, this reduces the number of germs that can infect you.

The Local Community

Please remember to be considerate to our neighbours in the local community.

In particular you should not loiter in the area and you should go straight home after school. Please remember that you are a part of a wider community – so please be very mindful of your noise levels and behaviour in the local area. You should not be congregating in the estates unless you live there. We respect our neighbours so, therefore, if any pupil brings the name of the school into disrepute because of their anti-social behaviour in our community, they will be sanctioned with a fixed term exclusion, in line with our discipline and behaviour policy.

Punctuality to school

It is compulsory to attend school on time. This is for many reasons, but one of the main reasons is health and safety. At school we are in loco parentis – in other words we act on behalf of your parents/ carers – and as such, we need to know where you are and that you are safe.

In addition, being punctual is a quality that is important in having now and in the future:

- Punctuality shows that you are organised
- It shows that you are dependable
- It reflects professionalism and attention to detail
- It shows respect for your teachers and other pupils.

Again, you are reminded that:

- All pupils in Key Stage 3 should be in school no later than 8.40am.
- All pupils in Key Stage 4 should be in school no later than 9.40am.

If you are late to school, you will be issued a Late Detention, served at lunchtime.

Booster Classes and Extra-curricular clubs

Extracurricular timetables are available in form rooms and on the school's website.

Please note that we need your parents/ carers' permission for you to attend a before or after school club. Booster clubs take precedence over extra-curricular clubs and are compulsory.

Letters for clubs can be collected from reception.

There are many clubs that you can get involved with:

- *GIRL'S FOOTBALL*
- *BOY'S FOOTBALL*
- *NETBALL*
- *BOXING FITNESS*

- *BASKETBALL*
- *TABLE TENNIS*
- *DEBATE MATE*
- *HISTORY CLUB*
- *ROBOTICS CLUB*
- *CHRISTIAN CLUB*
- *READING CLUB*
- *CCF ARMY CADETS*
- *ST JOHN AMBULANCE*
- *SCOUTS*
- *GIRL GUIDES*
- *MFL HOMEWORK CLUB*
- *STEM CLUB*

SAFEGUARDING, WELLBEING AND HEALTH

Staying safe online

- Never give out your real name to a stranger on the internet
- Never tell anyone you do not know where you go to school
- Never give out your address or telephone number to someone you do not know
- Tell an adult immediately if someone makes inappropriate suggestions, makes you feel uncomfortable online, or asks you to send something to them online, for example photographs
- If someone you do not know does any of the following – these are danger signs – you should tell your parent or carer immediately!
- If they insist on having your address or phone number
- If the person emails you pictures which make you feel uncomfortable and which you would not want to show to anyone else
- If the person wants to keep their chats with you secret
- If the person tells you that you will get in trouble if you tell an adult what has been going on
- If the person wants you to email or send pictures of yourself or use a webcam in a way which makes you feel uncomfortable
- If the person shares information with you and tells you not to tell anyone else about it
- If the person wants to meet you and tells you not to let anyone know

E-Scooters

Electric scooters (e-scooters) are banned on our school site this academic year because:

- Of complaints from the local community about pupils riding the scooters unsafely after school
- The riding of scooters on the pavement in Clapham Road is hazardous to pedestrians
- Some pupils had been seen riding scooters while leaving the school site.

Therefore, pupils who attempt to bring e-scooters onto school site will be asked to return their scooters to their homes and return to school on foot or by public transport.

Keeping safe – stranger danger

We live in a community that is, generally, caring and supportive of each other. However, as in any part of the world there are people that we cannot trust and that we need to be wary of. Therefore, it is important that everyone – especially children and young people – is wary of strangers.

- When travelling to and from school, or even just socialising with your friends at the park or a playground:
- Be alert to what the things happening around – have the confidence to know when something is not right and be strong enough to seek help when needed
- Never approach or talk to strangers who are in cars or vans and never get into a car or van with a stranger
- Don't be afraid to say 'no' to a stranger. If a stranger makes you feel unsafe, always 'yell and tell'
- If someone makes you feel unsafe then run to a safe zone – a place where there is someone who you can trust and talk to – maybe a school, a shop, a police station or a friend's house
- Never give your name, phone number or address to a stranger – whether in person or online
- Never follow a stranger – keep your distance from them – and do not accept any gifts from them
- Look out for one another.

This week's safeguarding question...

This week's question is:

Why are we sanctioned for being late to school?

Apart from preparing you for the practicalities and realities of the working world, you must be on time to school as this is the agreed time that we act in loco parentis – meaning that we have legal responsibility for you. This means that we need to ensure that you are safe and free from harm.

We can only do this if we know where you are.

In addition, we have a duty of care to you so as to ensure that you receive a full education. Even during registration you are receiving an education – usually on a spiritual, moral, social or cultural topic.

Attitude Determines Altitude