

BULLYING

At Bransty Primary School we aim to:

Promote children's personal development and well being and provide a safe, secure and well maintained environment.

Our anti-bullying policy supports this by:

- Promoting respect for each other and the school;
- Helping pupils towards an understanding of what is right and wrong;
- Supporting everyone in forming good relationships with adults and peers.

Sharing our Anti-Bullying Message

Bullying will not be tolerated and we make this clear in the information we give to children, staff and parents when they join our school.

Some of the ways we reinforce the message:

We use assemblies and curriculum time to reinforce our message. School rules, displayed in school, positively reinforce the message that we keep unkind words, hands and feet to ourselves and that we treat others with respect.

Worry boxes are used for children to share their concerns, anonymously if preferred.

Any parents who are concerned about their child should speak to their child's class teacher as soon as possible in order for us to address the issue.



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Suggested websites to support families:

www.cumbrialscb.com

www.bullying.co.uk

www.parentlineplus.org.uk

www.childline.org.uk

The full "Child Protection/Safeguarding policy" and "Anti-Bullying Policy" can be viewed at the office or accessed via our

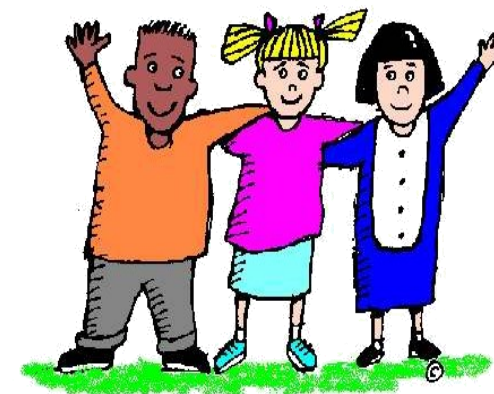
Website -

<http://vle.bransty.cumbria.sch.uk>

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Keeping Our Children Safe



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Child protection or safeguarding means protecting children from physical, emotional or sexual abuse or neglect. It also means helping children to grow up into confident, healthy and happy adults.

Most children enjoy generally happy childhood experiences within their own family. Unfortunately for some, this is not the case. During difficult family times, everyone who knows the child must do the best they can to protect them from future harm.

Bransty Primary School is committed to ensuring all children are safe-guarded and that pupil welfare is paramount. We all have a duty of care to protect our children and to help keep them safe. We are proud of the comments from our last Ofsted Report, that said “The school’s good level of care contributes to the pupils feeling safe”. Our school has a clear policy on how we safeguard our children. This leaflet explains this and outlines our aims for safeguarding our children.

Our Aims:

- Establish and maintain an ethos where children feel secure and encouraged to talk and are listened to within an open and positive school atmosphere.

- Ensure that children know that there are adults in the school who they can approach, and systems in place such as the “worry box” if they are worried or are in difficulty.
- Include in the curriculum activities and opportunities for PHSE/Citizenship which equip children with the skills and the need to stay safe from abuse which will help children develop realistic attitudes to the responsibilities of adult life, particularly with regard to childcare and parenting skills.
- Every effort will be made to establish effective working relationships with parents and colleagues from other agencies, such as the police and social care.
- All teaching and non-teaching staff are aware of their need to safeguard children and of their responsibilities in identifying and reporting possible cases of abuse and to monitor children known or thought to be at risk of harm.
- Ensure that all adults within our school who have substantial access to children have been checked as to their suitability, in accordance with OFSTED regulations.
- To make any referrals necessary to ensure the well being of pupils is safe-guarded.

The Governing Body of Bransty Primary School takes seriously its responsibility under Section 175 of the Education Act 2002 to safeguard and promote the welfare of children; and to work together with other agencies to ensure adequate arrangements within our school to identify, assess, and support those children who are suffering harm.

All parents experience difficulties at various times that can be helped by other family members or close friends. If someone you know is having difficulties, you could offer the following:

- A listening ear
- Ideas to cope with problems
- Encouragement to get some help
- Practical support (childcare/shopping)

However there may be times when a child may be at risk of significant harm and professional support needs to be provided. The safety and welfare of children is everyone’s business. If parents, carers, staff, family or community members have concerns they must report these concerns to the local safeguarding team on (01900) 706424 / (01900) 706398.

**Protecting children is your
responsibility too...**