

14 November 2022

Dear families

This week is designated as Anti-Bullying Week by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. The theme for the week this year is 'Reach Out' and I am writing to describe how we will be supporting this in the Academy and also share some useful resources with you.

The Anti-Bullying Alliance define bullying as 'The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face to face or online.'

Dixons Fazakerley Academy supports every child to disclose any incidents of harmful behaviour and bullying. This week year 7 and 8 students will be spoken to in Morning Meeting about harmful online behaviours. All students will receive information from their Head of Year in Morning Meeting about anti-Bullying Week; recognising harmful behaviour and bullying; the different types of bullying; the harm this causes; how to reach out for support and how to support others. Year 7, 8 and 9 students will be taking part in a poster design competition. In English students will be studying related texts and we will be starting to recruit ambassadors for our student council to further develop student voice.

The Anti-Bullying Alliance website has further information for parents here:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>

The National Anti-Bullying Helpline has advice here:

<https://www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/>

Bullybusters are a local charity with lots of support available here:

<https://www.bullybusters.org.uk/> 0800 169 6928

If you are worried that your child is being bullied please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Yours faithfully



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Designated Safeguarding Lead

