



SAINT FRANCIS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

BULLYING POLICY

RULES AGAINST BULLYING:

1. We will not bully others!
2. We will try to help students who are bullied!
3. We will include students who are left out!
4. If we know someone who is being bullied, we will tell an adult!

AIM

To work together and seek ways to counter the effects of bullying to ensure the school is a safe place for all. We take bullying seriously at St. Francis, and incidents of bullying will not be tolerated.

WHAT IS BULLYING?

Bullying is behavior used by an individual or group that intentionally hurts another individual or group either physically or emotionally. It can be short term or long term, and is repeated over time.

Bullying may be related to race, gender, religion, culture, special needs, disability, appearance, health condition, home circumstances or sexism.

Bullying can take place in the classroom, playground, bathrooms, journey to and from school, trips or cyberspace. *(Including all areas of the internet, email and internet chat, Facebook misuse, mobile threats by text messaging and calls, and misuse of associated technology)*

WHAT WE DO ABOUT BULLYING

All known reported incidents of bullying will be investigated by the class teacher or coordinator. The student/s will receive a SF Behavior Slip that must be signed and returned the next day. (This acts as a record of the incident)

The parents will be informed, and may be required to attend a meeting. At this time we ask for parent support and cooperation so that we can help all of the children involved. The student may receive other consequences depending on the incident/s and age of the child.

It must be recognized that often those who are bullying are having difficulties themselves, be those at home or school, and therefore are more prone to this type of behavior. These problems must also be addressed to make certain the behaviors are not repeated.