

10 Point Guide to Stop Sexual Bullying in Education Settings

Pro active – education setting:

1. Develop, design and display a clear and concise statement on sexual bullying. Students/pupils, staff and governors should all participate in the creation of this and be involved in its display and monitoring. This statement should be included in relevant school policies including the Anti-Bullying, Behaviour, and Gender Equality Duty.
2. Develop a culture of respectful relationships and gender equality which is supported and modelled by headteachers, senior managers, governors, and all staff.
3. Have clear policies, procedures and initiatives of which all staff are aware and feel confident to implement, for responding to, resolving, recording, reporting sexual bullying and supporting young people who have experienced sexual bullying. Ensure these are regularly reviewed and updated in consultation with staff, students/pupils, parents/carers and in line with government guidance.
4. Assess the development needs of all staff and provide training to build knowledge and skills in stopping sexual bullying.
5. Ensure that lessons are delivered that challenge gender stereotypes, explore respectful relationships and develop students/pupils understanding about and impact of sexual bullying. This can include lessons within the PSHE curriculum and a review of the curriculum to identify all areas to focus on gender equality and developing healthy relationships. Ensure curricular activities are accessible to all students of all abilities.
6. Join or create a working group which can focus on gender equality including raising issues such as sexual bullying through the schools Anti-Bullying and Gender Equality schemes.

Pro active – individual:

7. Commit to developing your own understanding of sexual bullying, its effects on girls and boys and how to stop it.
8. Challenge all incidents of sexual bullying when you see, hear or are told of it.
9. Share information on stopping sexual bullying with others in line with policy and procedures. This includes tackling cases of sexual bullying, running campaigns, delivering assemblies and lessons, updating policies and collecting research to stop sexual bullying in the school.

Pro active – community:

10. For schools to get involved with and promote local and national support networks and events that work on preventing sexual bullying. Know about and become involved in anti-bullying week and the International day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; ChildLine; Womankind Worldwide; NSPCC Helpline; Women's Aid, White Ribbon Campaign.

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