Morley Primary – Weekly Safeguarding Bulletin

Theme Bullying – spotting the signs & supporting children

10th November 2025

Welcome to our weekly safeguarding update for parents and carers. This week we're focusing on bullying — how to recognise it, how we respond in school, and how you can get support locally in Derbyshire.

Understanding Bullying

Bullying is repeated and deliberate behaviour intended to hurt someone physically or emotionally. It can be face-to-face, online, or indirect (for example, spreading rumours or excluding someone).

It's important to remember that bullying is not the same as children falling out. Disagreements, friendship changes, or occasional unkind words are part of normal social development and are resolved through learning, reflection and adult support. Bullying, however, is targeted, persistent and often involves an imbalance of power. When this happens, it's taken very seriously at Morley, and we act swiftly to ensure every child feels safe and respected.

Signs to Watch for at Home

- Unexplained injuries or damaged belongings
- Avoiding school or social situations
- Sudden changes in mood or confidence
- Secrecy or distress after being online

If you notice changes like these, please let us know. Early conversations make a real difference.

Cyberbullying

More and more bullying happens online — through gaming chats, social media, or messaging apps. Cyberbullying can include sending hurtful messages, sharing private photos, excluding someone from group chats, or spreading rumours digitally.

1. Don't respond to the messages.
2. Save screenshots or evidence of what's been said or shared.
3. Block or report the user.
4. Tell school so we can help and, if needed, support reporting to the appropriate platform or the police.

Useful websites for advice and support:

- www.saferinternet.org.uk
- www.childnet.com
- www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

How We Respond at Morley

- We follow our Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy carefully.
- We investigate any reports promptly and sensitively.
- We focus on restoring relationships, rebuilding confidence, and ensuring safety.
- We keep parents informed and involved throughout.

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Mr Taylor
Deputy DSLs: Mrs Taylor, Mrs Richards, Miss Smith
You can also report a concern confidentially via the My Concern Community QR code on our website ("Can I talk to you?" page) https://www.morley.derbyshire.sch.uk/can-i-talk-to-you-safeguarding-concerns/

What Parents Can Do

1. Listen calmly and reassure your child.
2. Record what happened – who, what, when, and where.
3. Speak to school so we can support you and your child together.
4. Stay in touch with us so we can monitor progress and wellbeing.

Local Support and Contacts

- Starting Point – Derbyshire Children's Services: 01629 533190
- Derbyshire Constabulary (non-emergency): 101 | Emergency: 999
- Derbyshire County Council – Bullying Advice for Parents: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/bullying
- Safer Derbyshire: www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk
- NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000 | Childline: 0800 1111

Coming Up Locally

Anti-Bullying Week 2025 runs Mon 10 – Fri 14 November (theme: Power for Good), beginning with Odd Socks Day on Mon 10 November — a celebration of kindness and individuality; a whole school assembly on Monday and class activities throughout the week.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping Morley a place where every child embraces the Morley Feeling – Togetherness, Love and Passion

Mr Taylor
Designated Safeguarding Lead