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Dear Parents / Carers

National Anti-Bullying Week

As you may be aware, next week is 'National Anti-Bullying Week', and although we talk with our pupils about bullying throughout the year, we feel it is important to participate in this awareness raising week.

The National Anti-Bullying Alliance theme for this year is 'All Different, All Equal'. More information is available at : <http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk>. To help raise the profile of the theme we are encouraging all pupils and staff to **wear odd socks, on Monday 13th November 2017**. There is no cost to this as it is simply to raise awareness.

The school has an Anti-Bullying Policy, which is designed to help members of the school community to identify bullying and distinguish it from broken friendships, or 'fallouts'. We aim to work together to deal effectively with the issue of bullying and we are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all of our pupils, so that they can learn in a happy and secure atmosphere. Bullying of any kind is unacceptable at our school. If bullying, or an allegation of bullying does occur, we always take considerable time to talk to those involved to establish the facts and ensure we take appropriate action.

For your information, our Anti-Bullying Policy is published on our website. To view it please click on the following link : <http://ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk/documents/documents/policies/Anti-Bullying>.

As a reminder to all of our school community, we have numerous ways in which pupils can report bullying :

- Speak directly to an adult in school.
- Write a note / letter and put in the Bully Box, which is located near the school office.
- Send an email to : bullybox@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk.

All of these methods will ensure that any issues can be dealt with swiftly.

Yours sincerely

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