



## **Anti-bullying**

At Pitcheroak School staff, parents, carers and children work together to create a happy, caring, learning environment. Bullying, either verbal, physical or indirect will not be tolerated. It is everyone's responsibility to aim to prevent occurrences of bullying behaviour and to deal with incidents quickly and effectively.

Our emphasis is always on a caring, listening approach as those who engage in bullying behaviour are often victims too – therefore exhibiting bullying behaviour.

Parents and carers are important partners in the enforcing and disclosure of bullying and Pitcheroak School will ensure that they are always involved and listened to. Parents and carers can access and read the Anti-bullying policy on the school website. Concerns with regards to bullying can be raised with all staff, but also through the Complaints and Grievance policy, also accessible on the school website.

Pitcheroak School are currently working towards achieving the Anti-Bullying Quality Mark, Bronze Award and the following people can be contacted via the school office if you would like any further details.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Jackie Woods</u></p> 	<p>Head of Key Stage 3 PSHE Co-ordinator Lead for ABQM Bronze Award.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Paula King</u></p> 	<p>Pastoral Support Worker</p>

Kavita Sharma is our school governor who has oversight of Anti-Bullying.

### Playground buddies

Some students in Key Stage 3 have volunteered to be playground buddies for our younger children. They are excellent role models and will support pupils to make good choices during playtimes as well as teaching others to play happily and develop positive friendships.

### Anti-Bullying Week

Alongside our PSHE & Citizenship curriculum, Anti-Bullying Week helps our school to shine a spotlight on bullying and encourage all children, teachers, parents and carers to take action against bullying throughout the year. Each year, pupils at Pitcheroak School, take part in a range of activities and assemblies to raise awareness of bullying and what we can do to prevent it.

### Useful Websites

Anti-Bullying Alliance

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>

Childline

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

NSPCC

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

Young Minds

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/feelings-and-symptoms/bullying/>

Stop Bullying

<https://www.stopbullying.gov/bullying/what-is-bullying>