



WOODBROOK VALE SCHOOL

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Reporting bullying system: tellbytext

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our continued anti-bullying work at Woodbrook Vale School, we asked some of our students to suggest areas of anti-bullying that we could improve. The most common suggestion was to increase the number of ways to report bullying. In response to this, we are offering a new system for students to report bullying called tellbytext.

Students have been informed about tellbytext during assemblies and tutor time and have all been given a card explaining how to use this system. If a student feels that they are being bullied, i.e. it is happening **S**everal **T**imes **O**n **P**urpose (**STOP**), we would encourage them to report this through tellbytext using the school's unique code: 21153.

There are three ways to report bullying using tell by text:

1. Text 21153 and the message to 07781 474660;
2. Leave a voice message at 0845 2258230;
3. Report online at www.tellbytext.com

Please note that reporting bullying online has the benefit of being able to attach photographs as evidence, should this be appropriate. Once the message has been received, an automated response will be given and a member of staff will investigate in line with the school's anti-bullying policy.

In addition to this, we will be supporting the upcoming anti-bullying week (13th – 17th November 2017). Throughout this time we will be celebrating what makes us 'All Different, All Equal'; this is the anti-bullying message for this year. There will be an opportunity for students to purchase an official anti-bullying wristband during tutor time for a charge of £1. The money raised from these sales will go to the anti-bullying alliance to support further anti-bullying work.

Yours faithfully

Jodi Short
Head of Year 9 and Anti-bullying Champion



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