



## **Anti-Bullying Policy (Children's Version)**

### **Key priorities**

- All children should feel safe in school
- Children focus on school work rather than bullying related problems
- Children will leave Vale View with confidence to deal with bullying in any walks of life

### **The nature of bullying**

- Being horrible to somebody more than once.
- Physically hurting another child
- Emotional bullying, name calling, leaving children out of games, laughing inappropriately, threatening other children, whispering or passing notes.
- Prejudice - such as gender, homophobic, looks or racism
- Online bullying, gaming, emails, social networking or mobile phones etc.

### **Procedures**

- An adult will talk to the bully
- Ask other adults to monitor carefully
- Fill in incident report forms and keep records
- Appropriate action taken if bullying continues
- Children asked to sign an anti-bullying pledge with the support of an adult
- Involve parents when necessary
- Buddy network to support children who have been bullied

### **Support for victim**

- Confidential support from school community
- Somewhere to feel safe
- Involvement of Parents
- Circle time between victim and bully, when the victim feels ready to participate
- Assertiveness and confidence building sessions

### **Support for the bully**

- Adults they can trust
- Involvement of Parents
- Buddy support for advice or someone to play with
- Small group work to encourage positive relationships