

Bullying Policy

Bullying is a type of abuse. We do not tolerate any form of bullying in our setting.

Bullying comes in many forms:

- Physical e.g. pushing, kicking, biting etc.
- Verbal e.g. taunting, sarcasm, rumour mongering
- Emotional e.g. excluding, humiliating

Being a victim of bullying can result in a child being depressed, having low self-esteem, shyness, even suicide in extreme cases.

Unchecked bullies learn that aggression goes unpunished. Bullies have higher chances of acquiring a criminal record in later life and can develop relationship issues.

If your child is being bullied we will:

- Reassure them that they are not to blame
- Give them plenty of praise and encouragement, to help raise their self esteem
- Work with you to help your child develop techniques to deal with the bullying

If your child is bullying we will:

- Let them know their behaviour is unacceptable
- Work with them to make amends and change their behaviour
- Discuss the matter with you in order to develop a joint approach

For further information on the issue of bullying, visit
www.kidscape.org.uk