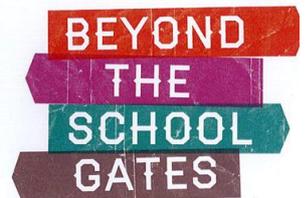




Welcome to the July edition of the Dudley Schools Anti-Bullying Pledge Scheme Newsletter, signposting you to a range of national, regional and local anti-bullying initiatives and resources.

Headteachers powers to deal with bullying

Where bullying outside school is reported to school staff, **it should be investigated and acted on**. The headteacher should also consider whether it is appropriate to notify the police or anti-social behaviour co-ordinator in their local authority of the action taken against a pupil. If the misbehaviour could be criminal or poses a serious threat to a member of the public, the police should always be informed. For more information, please follow the link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preventing-and-tackling-bullying>



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Every year the Anti-Bullying Alliance coordinate national Anti-Bullying Week; a week where children and young people, schools, parents and carers come together with one aim: to stop bullying for all.

This year we are calling on the school community to take action to stop the bullying of ALL children and young people – including disabled children – those research shows are significantly more likely to experience bullying in schools and the wider community.

Cyber Survey Report

Thank you to all schools who participated in the Dudley Cyber Survey. We have some interesting and challenging results! A full report has been circulated. The survey has highlighted **young carers** as a very vulnerable group, therefore more research and urgent action is required.

If you are able to provide any relevant details regarding numbers of young carers in your school, please contact Lynda.kesterton@dudley.gov.uk. Your feedback would be very much appreciated and help shape future anti-bullying strategy.



Following a fantastic response to the recent training “**Reducing the impact and incidence of bullying on learners with SEND**”, we are considering offering a further session in the autumn term. If you missed out this month and are interested in participating, please let me know.

Do you have a contribution for the next newsletter? Can you share your experience / good practice? Email Lynda.kesterton@dudley.gov.uk

