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Welcome to the May 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.

### **DfE: New updated Departmental Advice on Preventing Bullying (March 2014) and on Supporting Bullied Children (March 2014)**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preventing-and-tackling-bullying>

This advice will help schools prevent and respond to bullying as part of their overall behaviour policy. It outlines:

- the government's approach to bullying
- legal obligations and the powers schools have to tackle bullying
- the principles which underpin the most effective anti-bullying strategies in schools.

The factsheet offers advice on supporting children and young people who are bullied. Both documents list further resources where school staff can access specialist information on the specific issues they face.

### **FREE DfE-funded training and leadership development for all Dudley schools (including primary, secondary, special and PRUs)**

Choose one out of the four half day sessions aimed at **Head teachers, Senior Leaders, SENCOs, Anti-Bullying Leads, School Governors and non-education practitioners with a remit for anti-bullying work.** The programme covers:

- Exploring the dynamics and interactions between child being bullied, child exhibiting bullying behaviour and the wider community
- Auditing practice within school; identifying areas for improvement; reviewing effective practice nationally; impact of effective practice on Ofsted evaluative judgments
- Selecting quick-wins for immediate impact, and longer term developments to transform practice and outcomes
- Agreeing actions and implementation plans
- Speed learning on selected initiatives / issues relevant to your school

**The programme will provide invaluable evidence to feed into the self-evaluation process, in an Ofsted priority area even for schools rated outstanding.**

**See flyer for further details and booking information**

**Part 2 of the Blended Learning Resources just released. Have you received your playbook? Part 3 coming soon..!**

**Dudley Schools Anti-Bullying Pledge Scheme** continues to grow with more schools signing up. **Congratulations** to Hurst Green Primary School who recently gained accreditation. The scheme is free to join and offers ongoing support and access to bespoke training, consultation and toolkit to assist schools to review and further develop their anti-bullying policies and procedures.

**Anti-bullying Week 2014** - We call on children and young people, schools, media, government, parents and carers and the voluntary sector to raise awareness of the disproportionate amount that children and young people who have special educational needs and disabilities are bullied in schools. **Anti-Bullying Week 2014 will run from Monday 17th November - Friday 21st November.**

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

