



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

Susanna Reid and Louis Walsh back anti-bullying campaign



New figures show that about half of children have been bullied with **most of the abuse taking place at school**, a study has found. A quarter of young people said they were picked on because of the way they look and 13% think they were targeted because of their weight. The figures, revealed in a OnePoll survey, showed almost 49% of children aged seven to eighteen had been bullied. The survey was commissioned to launch Good Morning Britain's Action! Against Bullying campaign. Read the full article [here](#)...

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Anti-bullying Week 2015 runs from the 16th-20th November. Download the official campaign pack [here](#)



FREE TRAINING for senior leaders, governors and SENCOs, 11th November 2015 at Saltwells EDC. This programme is based on evidence from research undertaken by Cambridge University Faculty of Education. The research findings show the significant and disproportionate effects of bullying of disabled children and young people, and those with SEN in schools. The results of this work have been published by NCB in [Perspectives on Bullying and Difference: Supporting young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities in schools](#). Please follow the link to find out more about the training and book your place: <http://dudleyabaschools3.eventbrite.co.uk> ★

Back to School with Dudley Schools Anti-Bullying Pledge Scheme: Whether your school is at the start of your journey, or already advanced, we can help. We provide the latest on practice, research and pupils' views. **Media stories suggest millions of children and young people dread going back to school because of bullying. But it does not have to be this way.** Sign up to the accreditation scheme is free and gives access to a wealth of resources and a toolkit to help you review and develop your policy and practice.



DfE move to appoint Natasha Devon as schools' mental health champion comes as part of a wider government commitment to improve children and young people's mental health. Mental health problems have a tangible impact not only on children and young people's happiness, but also their education outcomes and overall potential. This is not just about external support for children and young people it is about changing the whole culture of education to one that values each individual for who they are and supports them to achieve their full individual potential, be it academic, practical, sporting, creative, people focused etc. Read [more](#)...

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