



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

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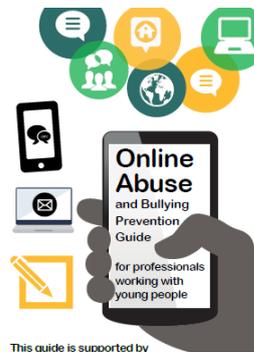
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In March 2015 the Home Office issued an [Online Abuse and Bullying Prevention Guide](#). The resource was developed for professionals who work with children and young people, to help them understand what constitutes abusive behaviour online, the consequences of that behaviour, and where they can get help. This discussion guide has been developed in consultation with the NSPCC Young People's Panel, the Behavioural Insights Team, the Home Office, Sussex Police, O2 and the National Union of Students. It is recommended that you read this guide in full and familiarise yourself with the support materials in Section 3 before starting any sessions with children and young people.

**Congratulations to Cherry Tree Learning Centre, the latest school to achieve the full pledge scheme status.** Currently over 75% of primaries and 80% of secondary schools are engaged with Dudley's anti-bullying strategy. Don't miss out! If you would like more information about signing up to the pledge scheme and working towards accreditation, please contact: [Lynda.kesterton@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:Lynda.kesterton@dudley.gov.uk)



**Free training for schools and wider children's workforce**  
**Free workshops for parents of children with SEND**

Evidence shows that disabled children and young people and those with special educational needs (SEN) are significantly more likely to be bullied or victimised than their peers. The **Ofsted 2015 Handbook** says during inspections school inspectors will look at measures the school has in place to tackle bullying of disabled pupils and those with SEN and the use of derogatory language related to disability. Only schools that do this well will be judged outstanding. **This programme will support you to achieve this and to evidence your activity to Ofsted.** [Book your place here](#)

**Bullying intervention** comes under a new heading: **Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare.** Prior to inspection, Ofsted will check the presence and suitability of the **safeguarding guidance**, taking into account current government requirements, and other information for parents on the school website.

[New Framework](#)   [Changes](#)   [New Handbook](#)

**New Ofsted Common Inspection Framework**



**Ministers from DfE and DoH unite to call for more peer support.**

Introducing peer-to-peer support networks in schools will form part of government efforts to improve the mental health of children and young people. [Read more](#)

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)

