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Dear Parents / Carers,

Anti-Bullying Guidance for New Year 7 parents/carers

As a school we aim to communicate clearly to all members of our community that any form of bullying or harassment is unacceptable. We are looking forward to welcoming your child when they start with us in September, we very much hope that they will feel happy and safe during their time here and it is most likely that they will never experience bullying.

How to report incidents of bullying

However, if you have concerns as a parent/carer that your child or another student is being bullied, we urge you to report this, so that we can take appropriate action. Reports can be made via a letter, phone call or email to the senior tutor or online through the Sharp System on the school website. Please include your child's name and form when making a Sharp report. If bullying is occurring online or via text message, take a screen shot or print out, if possible. If you prefer to meet with the senior tutor to discuss your concerns in person, please phone the school reception or email admin@aggs.bfet.uk to request an appointment.

What happens when bullying is reported?

All reports of bullying are recorded and investigated by the senior tutor team. The senior tutor will speak to the person making the report in the first instance. Our principle aim is to bring an end to the bullying as soon as possible. We employ a range of strategies to tackle bullying and provide support for those involved. One of these strategies is known as Restorative Practice. Senior tutors are trained as facilitators of Restorative Practice and have found that, when used appropriately, this strategy can be an effective means to restore harm and rebuild relationships between students. The senior tutor will keep parents/carers informed of the outcome of all steps taken, which concern their child.

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

A team of students in Years 9-11 have been trained by the Diana Award charity as Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. They take a lead in anti-bullying campaigns across the school and run a film club available for Year 7 students to drop in once a week during lunchtime, where they can talk about their worries with an Ambassador and meet new people in their year group. Each form in Year 7 will have an ambassador who will work closely with them throughout the year and will lead activities during form time.

To read the school's Anti-Bullying Policy in full, access other documents recently issued to parents on Cyber-Bullying and E-Safety or to view a video about the work of our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, please visit the Parents'/Carers Area - Anti-Bullying on the school website.

Yours sincerely,

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