**Bullying**

Bullying involves the persistent physical or verbal abuse of another child or children.

We take bullying very seriously.

If a child bullies another child or children:

• We intervene to stop the child harming the other child or children

• We explain to the child doing the bullying why her/his behaviour is inappropriate

• We give reassurance to the child or children who have been bullied

• We help the child who has done the bullying to say sorry for her/his actions

• We make sure that children who bully receive praise when they display acceptable behaviour

• We do not label children who bully

• When children bully, we discuss what has happened with their parents and work out with them a plan for handling the child’s behaviour

• When children have been bullied, we share what has happened with their parents, explaining that the child who did the bullying is being helped to adopt more acceptable ways of behaving.

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