

12<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

### Anti-Bullying Week at Kingsdown School – “Change starts with Us” week

As part of our ongoing work to develop our students’ Social, Emotional and Behavioural skills, we are holding ‘**Change starts with us**’ week from 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November. Our week of activities coincide with National Anti-Bullying Week and will reinforce our school’s culture of zero tolerance to bullying. The idea is to help our students celebrate what makes them, and others, unique and help them understand why it is important that every Kingsdown student feels included and is able to be themselves without fear of bullying.

Our school enjoys a strong, inclusive atmosphere which works well to prevent bullying. Our Anti-Bullying week celebrates children’s individuality and promotes kindness and compassion throughout the school and the wider community.

We will be ending our Anti- Bullying week with a **non-uniform day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** and the theme will be to wear something blue. Your child can come into school wearing their own blue clothes and bring £1 which will be donated to charity. This year we continue to support the Mayor of Swindon’s Charities, which are **Children’s Cancer and Leukaemia Movement (CALM)** and **Swindon and North Wiltshire Deaf Children’s Society**.

As always, all non-uniform should still be appropriate and acceptable for the school day, and that normal rules regarding jewellery and makeup still apply as timetabled lessons will still be taught. We ask that there are no midriiffs, revealing shorts or skirts, low cut tops or ripped jeans worn. School rules around mobile phones and earphones will apply as normal.

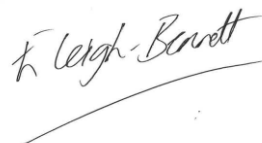
As part of our commitment to combat bullying, all staff have received training on how to identify, offer help and manage bullying allegations. Your child can speak with their tutor in the first instance. Alternatively, any concerns about bullying can be reported through our online SHARPs system which can be found on our website under safeguarding your child or by clicking on the letter S at the bottom of the web page.

Thank you for supporting this important week and event.

Yours sincerely



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AHT – Student Champion



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