

Dear Parents/Carers,

This year we are working with Equaliteach (www.equaliteach.co.uk) as part of their Equally Safe Programme which has been funded by the Department for Education. The Programme has been designed to support schools to take a whole school approach to preventing and tackling bullying, with a specific focus on identity-based bullying.

The programme will help us to:

- Ensure that our policies and procedures are robust and actively support anti-bullying work
- Have increased understanding of how to promote equality, diversity and inclusion throughout the school curriculum and environment
- Increase confidence amongst staff and pupils in reporting prejudice-related incidents and identity-based bullying
- Increase pupil voice and pupils who are empowered to support their peers and develop their own anti-bullying initiatives
- Reduce incidents of bullying amongst staff and pupils
- Increase compliance with our duties under the Equality Act 2010, Education and Inspections Act 2006, Education Act 2002 and requirements for Ofsted.

Parents and carers are an important part of our school community, we would like to offer all parents and carers the opportunity to have their opinions heard via a short questionnaire prior to the start of the work. The results of this will inform our action plans moving forward. The questionnaire can be accessed using the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/EQS23-24ClusterTwoParentsCarers>. We would be very grateful if you could complete (and return) this by **Friday 2nd June 2023**.

If you have any further questions about the programme or the schools anti-bullying work, please don't hesitate to contact the school and we will be happy to answer them.

We'd like to thank you in advance for your support,

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Chapman-Allen