



6 November 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

Anti-Bullying Week 2020

Anti-Bullying Week 2020 is happening from Monday 16 November – Friday 20 November, this year's theme is 'United Against Bullying'. During this week, students at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading will be engaging in various activities and workshops to encourage students to think about how we can unite to address bullying both online and offline. Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well in to adulthood. By channelling our collective power, through shared efforts and shared ambitions, we can reduce bullying together - we are all a piece in the puzzle, and together, we will unite against bullying.

During the week we will also be launching an extension to our Class Charts provision. The extension will be in the form of a wellbeing section within Class Charts. This will allow students to share concerns around bullying and other wellbeing associated concerns via their Class Charts app. This move in reporting issues has been built through great work and investigation done by the Schools Student Council. As such, Maiden Erlegh School in Reading wants to support students in reporting concerns in a much easier fashion, in a medium that they regularly engage with.

During the week students will be engaging in various aspects to support their understanding and commitment to unite against bullying.

Monday: Students will be understanding the various forms of bullying and what it looks like in differing contexts.

Tuesday: The wellbeing extension to Class Charts will be launched, along with further information on how we deal with bullying at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading.

Wednesday: Students will be taking part in our pastoral day, further details of this will be shared by your child's HOY.

Thursday: Each student will make a personal pledge on how they will support the school in tackling bullying and uniting to tackle bullying.

Friday: Students across each year will be signing our School Anti-Bullying Charter which will be displayed at school to remind students of their commitment throughout the year.

We would also like your support as parents and guardians. If we are all uniting to tackle bullying the impact will be wide reaching and have significant impact – please do engage your child in conversations throughout the week about what they have covered.

Yours sincerely

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