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Dear Parent / Guardian

Anti-Bullying Week 14 – 18 November 2022

The Anti-Bullying Alliance's Anti-Bullying week is 14 – 18 November 2022 and has a theme of "speak out". Throughout this week, as a school we will be recognising this through year group assemblies and sessions during Personal Development lessons.

Any person that has experienced bullying will recognise how hard it is to seek support and to speak out, as a school we are looking to implement Anti-Bullying ambassadors to act as peer support for students. At Maiden Erlegh School in Reading, we want students to feel able to speak out and seek support when they are experiencing any kind of bullying and want to use the Anti-Bullying week to further highlight this to our community.

Within this letter there is a parent guide provided by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, this provides some useful information and guidance around supporting your child through any experiences they may have with bullying. This could be a helpful guide for discussions at home throughout Anti-Bullying week.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the areas of our school website linked to bullying. There is a page for guidance for parents <u>here</u> and for students <u>here</u>. Both of these webpages include links to the Google Form for students to report concerns online should they not wish to do so in person.

Yours sincerely

Miss B Davies