

# Creating Safe Learning

## MANCHESTER MULTI-AGENCY ANTI-BULLYING SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS

**Manchester Multi-agency Anti-bullying Policy and Practice Network** aims to bring a range of partners working together to co-ordinate a multi-agency, citywide Anti-bullying Strategy for schools and other education providers. This will support the delivery of the outcomes from 'Every Child Matters' and 'Safeguarding Children' to create a safe environment for learning.

**Creating Safe Learning** provides an approach for school communities to identify their own priorities to improve policy and practice in relation to anti-bullying. An effective and consistent whole school anti-bullying strategy will support schools in meeting the **'Every Child Matters' outcomes for children and young people and also contribute to:**

- **Increasing Attendance**
- **Increasing Emotional Well being**
- **Increasing Attainment**
- **Reducing Youth Crime**

Support from members of the Anti-bullying Policy and Practice Network, the Healthy Schools team, and the Diversity and Inclusion team is available to help you devise a programme that suits your requirements. See overleaf for examples of training / support on offer. In some cases, a charge will be made.

**To initially discuss your requirements, please contact Pauline Clarke, Manchester Education Partnership on Tel: 0161 274 6600**

*Key members of the network can be contacted as below:*

**Bully Free Zone** – 01204 454958  
**Childline (CHIPS)** – 0870 3362924  
**Connexions** – 0845 6713219  
**Diversity and Inclusion Team** – 0161 223 3158  
**Drum Diversity Training** – 07720 137448  
**Educational Psychology Service** – 0161 226 5404  
**Greater Manchester Police** – 0161 872 5050  
**Healthy Schools Partnership** – 0161 882 2312  
**Manchester Multi-agency Gang Strategy** – 0161 882 1331  
**New East Manchester Education Team** – 0161 223 1166  
**PSHE and Citizenship Team** – 0161 274 6665  
**Re:Solutions First** – 0161 272 6464  
**School Attendance Improvement Service** – 0161 225 0293  
**School Nursing Service** – 0161 226 0101  
**The Lesbian and Gay Foundation** – 0161 235 8035  
**Victim Support and Witness Service** – 0845 456 8800



For further information about each of the services please see: [www.manchester.gov.uk/education/diversity/anti-bullying](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/education/diversity/anti-bullying)  
Or contact:

**Caroline Jackson: 0161 882 2312**

**Jill Tordoff: 0161 223 3158**

**Healthy Schools Partnership**

**Manchester Education Partnership**

# Menu of support:



- **Reviewing and developing anti-bullying policy** – Support and training to ensure a whole school approach
- **Solution-focused Support Group Approach to anti-bullying** – Consultancy and training on how to use this pupil-centred non-punitive method in your school
- **Mediation skills in anti-bullying** – Support and training on a pupil-centred conflict resolution, non-punitive approach
- **Buddying & ‘Playground Pals’ schemes** - Equipping children with skills to support other children at playtimes and lunchtimes
- **‘Happy, Safe and Confident’ drama workshops for Key Stage 1-3**  
An interactive method using drama devised to support curriculum work around anti-bullying issues
- **Prevention of bullying through curriculum development** – Advice on links with PSHE and Citizenship, SEAL, SEBS, and cross-curricular areas
- **Pupil voice and participation** – Advice and ideas for improving pupil involvement in decision-making and contribution to school life
- **‘Us and Them’** – Diversity training about the roots of bullying and ways to create a positive atmosphere that values ‘difference’
- **Homophobic bullying** – Guidance to ensure appropriate support and strategies for pupils and staff using a whole school approach to tackling homophobia
- **Safer lunchtimes** – Working with lunchtime staff to provide opportunities for children to experience happier, healthier, safer lunchtimes
- **Racist incidents: A positive response** – guidance to ensure appropriate support for pupils and staff
- **Work with parents/carers** – Practical ideas for consulting with and involving parents/carers in anti-bullying policy and practice development  
**AND** – A workshop for parents, run by parents, to explore ways of resolving conflict between children, parents/carers and schools, including bullying issues
- **Restorative practice** – Restorative practice seeks to support schools and communities to develop alternative ways of dealing with conflict and restoring relationships when harm has been caused

As a multi-agency group, we work in partnership as statutory, voluntary and private sector services. Although we actively seek funding to support work in schools, there will often be a need to charge schools to cover some aspects of the training / support programme, i.e. to cover costs of voluntary and private sector providers. These costs will be kept to a minimum and will be negotiated whilst a school’s requirements are being assessed.



MANCHESTER HEALTHY SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP



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Manchester Public Health Development Service