

BULLYING

At Newton Moore Senior High School bullying is NOT acceptable

We call it bullying when someone is repeatedly hurting or frightening someone. This may be done in different ways:

- By hurtful teasing
- By threatening actions or gestures
- By name calling
- By hitting, kicking, pushing, etc.

At Newton Moore SHS bullying is NOT ACCEPTABLE.

If you find yourself being bullied or see someone else having a hard time, please report it. You can report it to one of your teachers or someone in Student Services (for example, a Year Coordinator, the school psychologist or the school chaplain). Your report will be taken very seriously.

When you report bullying, someone will discuss with you what options can be used to solve the problem. You and your parents can decide which option or options best suit your circumstances. Your report will be handled very sensitively.

This school takes a preventative approach to bullying.

ALL students have a responsibility to stop bullying and help others.

Students can take direct action by:

- Calling for help from an adult
- Telling the bullying students that their actions are not fair and to leave the other student alone
- Trying to help the bullied student escape the situation
- Taking deliberate steps to prevent contact between the bullied student and the bully or bullies
- Encouraging other students not to support the students doing the bullying (that is – by not laughing or smiling at what is happening)
- Accompanying the bullied student to tell a teacher or another staff member about the situation

Students can take passive action by:

- Not accepting students into the social group when they behave aggressively
- Making room in their social group for students being bullied
- Refusing to join in with bullying behaviour
- Registering their disapproval non-verbally through their body language
- Not ignoring bullying behaviour and letting a teacher know