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Dear Headteacher/Principal and Governor

Approaches to Preventing and Tackling Bullying

We recently wrote to you to share the findings of our focused work on bullying during recent safeguarding visits, which presents a local perspective about a whole school approach, responses to bullying incidents and identifies good practice locally (see [here](#)). The DfE document 'Approaches to preventing and tackling bullying (DfE 2018)' attached with this letter, presents a similar national profile, with similar findings:

- Whole school approach
- Preventative practice
- Inclusive environment and ethos
- Keeping Anti-bullying high profile
- Empowering pupils
- A rapid response to bullying incidents
- Common challenges
- Keeping up to date with online trends
- Dealing with incidents which occur outside school
- Collaborating with other schools across phases
- Engaging staff
- Case studies

We urge you to share the local report and the national report with staff during your safeguarding inset sessions along with your specific school safeguarding report comments on anti-bullying, so that staff are vigilant in this area.



In response to key local issues identified to further improve practice:

- Pages 13 and 14 offer further guidance to strengthen working with parents
- Pages 14 and 15 offer further guidance on keeping up to date with online trends

We also encourage you to link with schools where good practice is identified locally and/or nationally to further strengthen this area of work through effective school to school collaboration.

Yours sincerely



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