

Wordsworth High School

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Ref: Anti Bullying June 2019

Dear Parents,



STOP BULLYING

Bullying has been on the rise in Gauteng schools in 2019. Sadly, we have witnessed it first hand with learners bullying each other, waiting for other children after school, fighting with each other, swearing and calling each other names, fighting on social media etc. This needs to stop NOW!

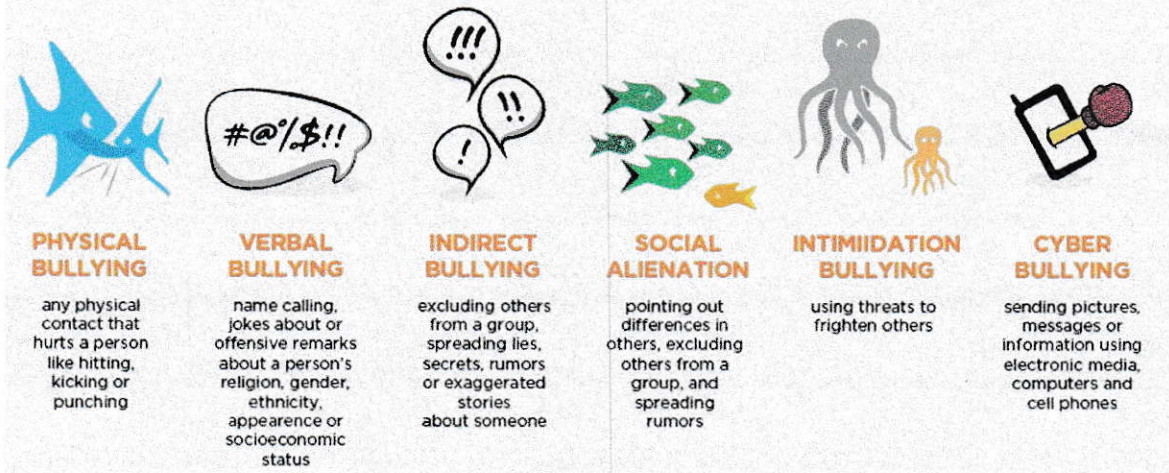
These cases are being reported to the SAPS for legal intervening!

WE WILL NOT TOLERATE THIS BEHAVIOUR AT WORDSWORTH.

We will suspend your child if they are found guilty, and further action will peruse!

REPORT MATTERS to your parents and the school, if we don't now we can not help!

THE 6 TYPES OF BULLYING



FACTS

- ∞ **Types of bullying include Physical, Verbal, Indirect, Emotional, Sexual, Intimidation, Cyber & Social**
- ∞ **Intimidation & Bullying will NOT be tolerated at the school!**
- ∞ **If you are found to be bullying other learners, you will be dealt with swiftly**
- ∞ **IF YOU REPORT CASES OF BULLYING TO THE SAPS THEY WILL OPEN A CRIMINAL CASE AGAINST THE ACCUSED**
- ∞ **More than 3.2 million learners are bullied yearly in South Africa, when asked, 52% of learners characterised bullying as an act of verbal abuse and 22% explains it as physical abuse in the form of pushing, hitting and beating**
- ∞ **If you share any media or stories you are just as guilty as the creator of these memes**
 - ∞ **Everyone is different and unique**
- ∞ **THE SCHOOL WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE BENONI SAPS ON ALL CASES**
 - ∞ **The SAPS often does talks with learners at school on drugs, bullying etc**
 - ∞ **If someone threatens you to keep quiet they are bullying you!**
 - ∞ **NO ONE is perfect, especially not a bully**
- ∞ **BULLYING LEADS TO DEPRESSION, POOR SELF-ESTEEM, OR SEEKING REVENGE**




- ∞ **Bullying interferes with learning**
- ∞ **Anyone can be a bully**
- ∞ *Anyone can be a victim*
- ∞ **THOSE AT RISK CAN BE HELPED**
- ∞ *Report cases to the school, if we do not have any information we cannot take action*
- ∞ **More than 67% of bully victims will not ask a teacher for help because they don't think it will change their situation.**
- ∞ *1 in 10 learners drop out of school due to bullying.*
- ∞ **BULLIES ARE LIKELY TO COMMIT MORE CRIMES AND SERVE TIME IN PRISON FOR ESCALATING CRIMES**
- ∞ *Suicide is the leading cause of death among 10-18 year olds*
- ∞ **Every 7 minutes a child is bullied**

STRICTLY NO CELLPHONES MAY BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL!

Cell phones will be confiscated and will only be available for collection at the end of that relevant term!

Parents check your children's behaviour, phones, computers, tablets and all forms of social media often.

IS MY CHILD A CYBERBULLY?

what do you see?	what do you hear?	what else?
		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child has a large amount of social media accounts • Your child is being secretive about their online activity • Your child spends long hours on social media 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snide comments or laughter from your child while they are online • Gossip or cruel remarks exchanged between them and their friends about an individual 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A group or individual your child spends time with often behaves mean or uncaring • Your child has become more judgemental/critical • Your child may be more irritable/aggressive • They may retaliate against rules

Parents please make appointments with your child's tutor to report any matters to the school.

Grade 8 Tutor - Miss. Sello, Grade 9 Tutor - Mrs. Mphongo, Grade 10 Tutor - Mrs. Nkambule, Grade 11 Tutor - Mrs. Malala

Grade 12 Tutor - Ms. Hoey



Yours in education,



Mr. M. Mzangwa

Principal

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Wordsworth High School – ANTI BULLYING Newsletter June 2019

I, _____ Parent of _____ in grade _____ hereby confirm receipt of the Anti-Bullying Newsletter sent out on June 2019.

Signature _____ Date: _____