

11th November 2021

<u>Anti-Bullying Week, Monday 15th - Friday 19th November 2021</u> Odd Socks Day: Friday 19th November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer.

As you will be aware, we are continually raising awareness of Anti-bullying at Tanfield School and as part of our Anti-Bullying programme, Anti-Bullying Week is happening from Monday 15th -Friday 19th November 2021. This year the theme for this event will be 'One Kind Word.'

This event is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which is based at leading children's charity the National Children's Bureau. The aim of the campaign is to support schools to help young people, school staff, parents and other professionals who work with children to understand:

- that bullying is a serious issue;
- that bullying is a behaviour choice;
- we are all responsible;
- that we can respectfully disagree with each other i.e. we don't have to be best friends or always agree with each other but we do have to respect each other and
- that we all need to choose to respect each other, both face to face and online.

To highlight that anti-bullying work is about hope and the positive and kind things we can do to halt hurtful behaviour in its tracks, we will be taking part in "Odd Socks Day." Odd Socks Day is an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate individuality, but most importantly, Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! There is no pressure on the children to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes. All they have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school under their normal uniform. If your child usually wears tights to school, then they can wear odd socks over their tights or participate by wearing colourful, patterned tights for the day.

Odd Socks Day will be held on Friday 19th November 2021. Thank you for your support with this important event.

Yours faithfully,

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