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BULLYING PREVENTION

Dr. Robert Ketterer Charter School is committed to creating a school environment that is free from bullying and harassment.

Students have the right to feel safe and comfortable at school.

What is Bullying?

Bullying is a form of aggressive, harassing and manipulative behavior. It occurs across all geographic, racial and socioeconomic boundaries. No child deserves to be bullied and no child should bully another. The best protection parents can offer their child is to foster confidence and self-esteem. Talking openly about respect for self and others will increase tolerance for differences.

What should students do?

Victims can report bullying at school to teachers, counselors, or the principals. Talk with your parents; Ignore the bully or don't react; Walk away; Be assertive, but do not get into a physical or verbal fight; Hold your head up, show confidence in yourself; Use humor; Stick with a friend when going to and from school, during class changes and at lunch time; Avoid the bully when necessary.

If you observe incidents of bullying, support the victim. Tell the bully to stop. Do not laugh or side with the bully. Don't confront the bully, if you think someone may get hurt. Report all incidents of bullying to school staff and encourage the victim to do the same.

What are the consequences of bullying?

When students or parents suspect that repeated acts of bullying are taking place it should be reported to the school staff.

If the investigation finds an instance of bullying behavior has occurred, it will result in prompt and appropriate disciplinary actions. This may include loss of privileges, detention, school suspension, and possible expulsion for students.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Westmoreland County MH/MR

724-830-3617

Westmoreland Community Action

724-834-1260

Emergency

911

City of Latrobe Police Non-Emergency

724-537-5526

Westmoreland County Victim Services

724-830-3272

Women's Help Center

724-837-9540

RESEARCH PROGRAM

Center for Safe Schools

www.center-school.org/bullyingprevention

US Department of Health and Human Services

www.stopbullyingnow.org

Nemours Center for Children's Health

<http://kidshealth.org/parent/emotions/behavior/bullies.html>

Bullying

www.dfes.gov.uk/bullying

Ways for students and parents to report bullying - Talk to:

Administrator

Counselor

Nurse

Parent

School Staff

Self-Referral

Student

Teacher

CONFIDENTIALITY

Dr. Robert Ketterer Charter School respects and maintains confidentiality throughout the Bullying Prevention process.

For further information about Bullying Prevention contact Dr. Robert Ketterer Charter School Administration at:

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