

# **United Against Bullying School Case Study: Making anti-bullying work a higher priority for school governors**

## **How Wellgate Primary School made bullying a higher priority in the school's governing body**

### **Context of our anti-bullying work**

The school has always had a designated Governor to link with the Personal, Social, Health, Economic Education that has worked alongside the PSHEE lead. Since joining the United Against Bullying Programme, we have since appointed a Governor to be a link specifically for Anti-Bullying.

### **What we hoped to achieve**

By appointing a governor specifically for Anti-bullying, we hoped this would ensure regular contact was made about such a priority area rather than reporting taking place in the governing body meetings. It also means we have a member of the Governing Body with a good awareness of the practice in school beyond those who are members but not specifically a link.

### **The action we took**

Since having a designated Anti-Bullying Governor, the lead member of staff for this has met with her and they have discussed what is in place and the actions to be taken. The link governor has been involved in all communication sent to staff and parents and carers about initiatives in school. Our Anti-Bullying Governor also completed some training using the online modules on the ABA website.

### **Impact and outcomes of the work**

- Specific accountability of the AB Leader in school
- A different member of the school community involved and able to give their own support and suggestions

Due to the nature of the time frame of link meetings, the next meeting will be due in the Autumn Term of 2023. From this, school will celebrate sharing the changes it has made and will explain the proposal for the Anti-Bullying work to continue into the next academic year.

Over the next year, we hope to make the children and parents aware of our Anti-Bullying governor, with an increased presence in school. We also hope that she will be able to attend to join in meetings with the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, so the children are aware of the importance of all stakeholders being involved.

## What we have learned

Although bullying has been reported to the Governing body in the past, having a specific link Governor means it is an additional member of the school community sharing information alongside the headteacher during Full Governing Body meetings.