

United Against Bullying School Case Study: Example of reported case deemed not to be bullying

How [school] handled a reported case deemed not to be bullying

Context of our anti-bullying work

Example of an allegation of bullying at the school and how we managed it as a result of the ABA work the school has been doing.

Development of intervention and procedures as demonstrated through this example.

What we hoped to achieve

Suitable intervention to support pupils with allegations of bullying.

The action we took

A parent reported bullying by email and stopped a child coming into school.

We were able to use our new criteria in CPOMS to see whether the incidents had occurred according to our Policy and definition of bullying. We were able to feed this back to the parent. While we didn't feel bullying was happening (due to the parents misunderstanding of the definition of bullying) we were able to introduce our new interventions. This included Circle of friends for the individual. We also used our ELSA trained staff member to work on feelings with the individual.

Impact and outcomes of the work

The child is now coming into school regularly and is forming strong relationships with his peers.

The parent is confident that bullying is not taking place.

The staff feel confident (after training in these interventions) to support children when allegations are made whatever the investigation finds.

What we have learned

High quality training for staff is imperative in bringing about change in this area.