

7<sup>th</sup> November 24

Dear Parent/Carer,

On **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** Tanfield School will be taking part in **Anti-Bullying Week**. Every November schools throughout the United Kingdom take part. This is an opportunity to spotlight bullying and consider the steps we can take together to stop it. This year's theme is 'Choose Respect'.

On **Friday 15th November** we will hold **'Odd Socks Day'** where we request staff and students to wear odd socks to school to raise awareness and celebrate what makes us all unique (there is no charitable donation for this event). This is alongside the normal school uniform. It is a House Competition and house points and Amazon vouchers are available for the oddest socks! Our Friday morning meeting will focus on the actions we can take to Choose Respect, and what we can do to stop bullying.

As a parent or carer, you are a vital piece of the puzzle in tackling bullying. You have a unique role to play in guiding and supporting your child through their school years and there are many positive steps you can take to help keep your child safe from bullying and harm. One of the steps is knowing when to ask for support. You can contact your child's year manager or advisor if this is ever needed.

Linked here is a <u>'Parent and Carer pack'</u> put together by the Anti Bullying Alliance. This pack is designed to give you information about bullying and tips about what to do if you're worried.

We look forward to empowering our students to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes and to strengthen their understanding of how we can all be kind to each other in our school community. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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