

Making friends at Salisbury Primary School

At Salisbury Primary School we want all of our children to feel safe and to achieve. We encourage positive attitudes and discourage behaviour which can lead to bullying. We also recognise that other incidents may happen in school, which make children unhappy but which are not bullying behaviour.



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Please read through this leaflet with your child and talk about anything that worries them. If you have any questions or concerns raised by topics discussed in this leaflet, please speak to a member of our staff.



Understanding bullying

Any child can be unkind from time to time, as often they don't understand the impact they are having on another child. At Salisbury School we work with all pupils involved to make sure that the behaviour stops, and to help resolve the situation. You can help support this by talking to your child about the impact of bullying so that they know the correct thing to do.

Bumps and scrapes

Sometimes children hurt each other by accident. This is all part of growing up and does not mean they are being unkind to each other. Help your child understand this and that if they are hurt, they should go to the nearest adult and they will ensure they are taken care of by a trained first-aider. It is also important that children learn to say "sorry" if they hurt someone by accident.

Jamie is upset because he fell over after Zara bumped into him when they were playing outside. Zara says "sorry" and she tells Jamie it was an accident. Then Zara helps Jamie to get up.



My friend won't play with me

Sometimes close friends may want to take part in activities with other children, which may mean that your child cannot play with their friend. Please explain to your child that this is a normal part of friendship and does not mean your child is being bullied. Encourage your child to make a group of friends and if they ever feel lonely they can always talk to one of our staff on duty in the playground or their teacher.

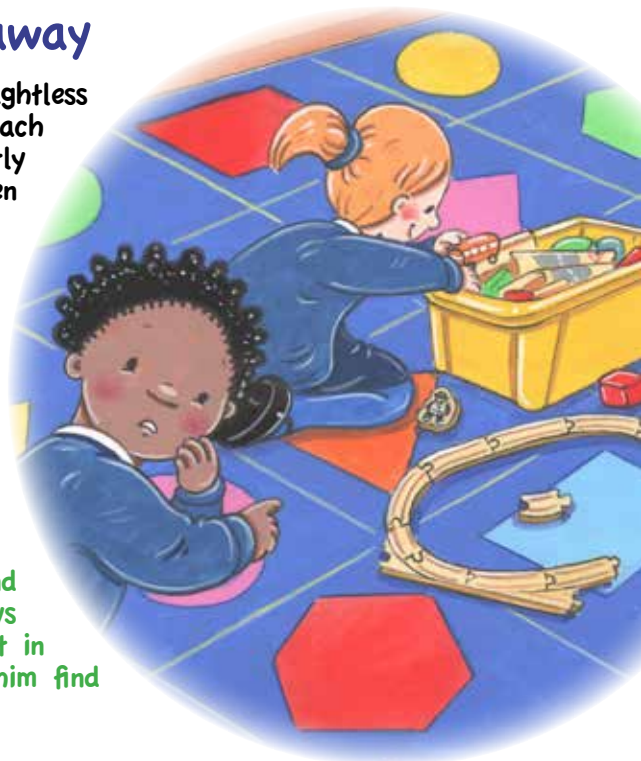
Khadija is feeling unhappy and left out because her friend is playing a game with another friend. She knows she needs to tell an adult in the playground, who will reassure her and help her find other friends she can play with.



I was told to go away

Sometimes children can be thoughtless in the way that they talk to each other. If another child frequently speaks or behaves unkindly, then please encourage your child to tell you or an adult at the school. We have adults on duty in the playground and they will respond to any concerns. Also, talk to your child about the impact of words, and explain that unkind words can be as upsetting as being hurt physically.

Rhys is upset because he tried to join in with Rosie's game and Rosie told him to go away. Rhys knows he needs to tell an adult in the playground, who will help him find other friends he can play with.



Working together at Salisbury School

We all work together to make Salisbury School a happy place for everyone. Our pupils make friends with new children, or those who are struggling to make friends by themselves. If your child is feeling sad or they have no friends, they can speak to an adult or they can go to the Friendship Lollipop in the playground – then other children will come and play with them.

We encourage our pupils to act in kind ways and to make the right choices with behaviour, for example by keeping their hands and feet to themselves and talking to each other in a kind way.



What do I do if I am being bullied?

If your child feels that they are being bullied, encourage them to tell an adult or their teacher. Let them know that when they tell an adult, it will be OK and it will be resolved. Our pupils also look out for each other. If your child thinks another child is being bullied, they should tell an adult straight away.

Rhys knows what is kind and unkind behaviour. He knows that he can tell an adult if someone is unkind to him or another child, and it will be dealt with and they will be happy again.

