

# **2006 BULLYING SURVEY**

This bullying survey was conducted with 4 Y8 tutor groups during National Anti Bullying Week, w/c 20 November 2006. The tutor groups were 8S, 8E, 8N, 8P.

Prior to completing the survey, students were reminded of a definition of bullying as "persistent repeated unkindness".

The survey was based on experience of bullying in the past two weeks.

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## **1. During the past two weeks I have been bullied**

|               |    |       |
|---------------|----|-------|
| Never         | 60 | (57%) |
| Once          | 19 | (18%) |
| Twice         | 7  | (7%)  |
| Several times | 14 | (13%) |
| Many times    | 5  | (5%)  |

## **2. During the past two weeks I have been**

|                     |    |       |
|---------------------|----|-------|
| Kicked              | 11 | (9%)  |
| Hit                 | 18 | (16%) |
| Pinched             | 11 | (9%)  |
| Pushed              | 16 | (14%) |
| Threatened          | 5  | (4%)  |
| Called names        | 30 | (26%) |
| Teased              | 20 | (17%) |
| Bitten              | 3  | (3%)  |
| Told to give money  | 0  |       |
| Told to give sweets | 2  | (2%)  |

## **3. The place and times where I have been bullied in the past two weeks are**

|                        |    |       |
|------------------------|----|-------|
| On the way to school   | 7  | (8%)  |
| At the bus stop        | 1  | (1%)  |
| In the playground      | 15 | (17%) |
| On the field           | 0  |       |
| In the toilets         | 1  | (1%)  |
| In the changing rooms  | 3  | (3%)  |
| In the corridors       | 13 | (15%) |
| In the dinner queue    | 4  | (5%)  |
| During lessons         | 14 | (16%) |
| On the way home        | 10 | (12%) |
| Other (please specify) |    |       |
| Lunchtime/in form room | 14 | (16%) |

|                             |   |      |
|-----------------------------|---|------|
| On the bus                  | 2 | (2%) |
| At home (my brother)        | 2 | (2%) |
| All the time                | 1 | (1%) |
| Break, lunch, before school | 1 | (1%) |

#### 4. The people who bullied me in the past two weeks were

|                     |    |       |
|---------------------|----|-------|
| Younger than me     | 1  | (2%)  |
| The same age as me  | 29 | (48%) |
| Older than me       | 17 | (28%) |
| Adults              | 0  |       |
| Mostly on their own | 6  | (10%) |
| Mostly in a group   | 8  | (13%) |

#### 5. I have told

|                 |    |       |
|-----------------|----|-------|
| A teacher       | 9  | (17%) |
| Someone at home | 12 | (23%) |
| My friends      | 18 | (34%) |
| No-one          | 14 | (26%) |

#### 6. In the past two weeks I have caused people to bully me by

|                                |    |       |
|--------------------------------|----|-------|
| Calling them names             | 6  | (14%) |
| Swearing                       | 1  | (2%)  |
| Making faces at them           | 0  |       |
| Hitting or kicking them        | 1  | (2%)  |
| Insulting them                 | 1  | (2%)  |
| Insulting their families       | 0  |       |
| Insulting their colour or race | 0  |       |
| Insulting their religion       | 0  |       |
| I have not done any of these   | 33 | (79%) |

#### 7. In the past two weeks I have bullied others

|               |    |       |    |       |
|---------------|----|-------|----|-------|
| Never         | 23 | (52%) | 50 | (85%) |
| Once/Twice    | 20 | (45%) | 9  | (15%) |
| Several times | 1  | (2%)  |    |       |
| Many times    | 0  |       |    |       |

*The first column of figures represents the responses from those who said they had been bullied, while the second column is for those who had not. As with last year, it seems that those who had been bullied are more likely to bully others.*

#### 8. If I had to define bullying I would say it was

**(i) from those who had been bullied:**

**(ii) from those who had not been bullied:**

## 9. Other comments about bullying at DHSB

**(i) from those who had been bullied:**

- It happens sometimes without anything happening.
- Though people say it is not a problem it is as I get bullied almost every day.
- It is not dealt with.
- After a spell of bullying not much was done about it.
- Lots of people are mean and kick your bag or knock your lunch out of your hands.
- Nothing seems to be done, we need to know what happens to the bullies and more people will speak up.
- Not much is done about it and what is done does not help.
- At DHSB they do nothing to sort out bullying, they say they don't accept it but just carry on as if nothing happened.
- It's never dealt with that well.
- Occasionally I see older children bullying and cannot see how to stop them.
- Some people ask for it because they poke you and call you stuff so you get angry and defend yourself.
- Quite often the bullies are liars trying to avoid being caught. Peer mentoring is used.
- It is the 'bullies' that I tell, because they are my friends – the bullying is silly petty things though to me.
- There are lots of bullies.
- I haven't seen much going on.
- Not a lot.
- That it goes on to a vast majority of people no matter who you are.
- Teachers and parents are trying to sort it out, but so far unsuccessful.
- I have seen people shoved and hit in bundles.
- Is caused by both sides. Someone says something and the other retaliates. I do not believe retaliation can fully stop.
- There aren't many people there to see it if it happens.
- Nothing happens when a specific person hits someone.
- Teachers should ask pupils if anything is wrong.
- It is trying to be stopped but it is not really working.
- It happens but not a lot is done about it.

**(ii) from those who had not been bullied:**

- Haven't seen it really in any real measure.
- Maybe there should be more done about bullying at DHSB.

- It does happen and can be improved, but is better than a lot of other schools.
- I haven't been bullied but I play violent games such as arm wrestles and shin kicking.
- I don't see it very often.
- I have not seen any bullying in this school.
- People hit each other in violent games. They take it too far sometimes though.
- I know someone who is continually bullied at school but he's not told anyone. I am not a grass or snitch so I haven't told anyone.
- It does not happen very much outside – but it does happen in the form rooms during the morning, break and lunch.
- Older boys feel they have more 'right of way in life' than younger boys.
- I think there is some bullying at DHSB.
- The bully probably never starts, he gets aggravated and does not know how to control his temper.
- Most people that say they are/have been bullied is not true because they provoke it so it is not technically bullying. A person I know claims he is being bullied when actually he is being retaliated against as he provokes everything.
- A person who I know winds people up and the people who he winds up retaliate and the guy who wound them up says he gets bullied.
- I think that older boys are more likely to bully younger people and they feel they have more rights.
- There is lots of bullying going on in DHSB in our form.
- If somebody is bullying somebody, the bully should be expelled straight away.
- I've never seen any bullying at DHSB, apart from some unkindness in my form.
- I have not seen somebody bullied.
- I see people being bullied everyday, but nothing has been done about it.
- I don't think there is much bullying at DHSB.
- There is some name calling and other non-physical bullying to 'odd ones out'.
- I feel there is bullying around the school including my class.
- There is lots of bullying but members of staff do not see most of it because it is down on the playground.
- People don't get bullied often but older people do push people and call us names but I wouldn't class it as bullying.
- There is a lot of it.
- There's a lot of it that teachers don't know about.
- I do see bullying at DHSB, but when a teacher thinks it has stopped it does continue.

## **CONCLUSIONS**