



Gainsborough Primary & Nursery School

Staying Safe Guide

Hate Crime

Hate crime is any criminal offence committed against a person or property that is motivated, or perceived to be motivated, by hostility or prejudice based upon the victim's:

- race, colour, ethnic origin, nationality or national origins
- religion or belief
- gender or gender identity
- sexual orientation
- disability
- age



Everyone has a right to live without fear and harassment and if an offender targets a victim because of how they look their gender identity, sexuality or because of their beliefs, the law provides additional penalties.

Is Hate Crime relevant in Primary Schools?

It is important that schools have a good awareness of hate crime as a child in school may be living in a family which are either victims or perpetrators of Hate Crime. Children in school may also be experiencing this from their peers.

What form can Hate Crime take?

Hate crime can take many forms including:

- **Physical attacks** – e.g. physical assault, damage to property, offensive graffiti, neighbour disputes and arson.
- **Threat of attack** – including offensive letters, abusive or obscene telephone calls and other intimidating behaviour as groups or individuals.
- **Verbal abuse** or insults, abusive gestures.
- **Other abuse** – offensive leaflets and posters, dumping of rubbish outside homes or through letterboxes, unfounded and malicious complaints and bullying at home, online, in school or in the workplace.

Prevention

Pupils should be encouraged to have a good understanding of the issue of Hate Crime so that they can protect themselves and their peers and learn tolerance and respect for others.

Reporting Hate Crime

Hate Crime can be reported in a variety of different ways including:

By phone: Call 101 or in an emergency call 999

By email: hate.crime.reporting@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

In person: at a [local police station](#) or a [hate crime reporting centre](#).

Third party reporting centres:

- Local agencies such as the Citizens Advice Bureau, Community Voluntary Services etc. can also offer advice and support.
- [Stop Hate UK](#) provide confidential and independent Hate Crime reporting services in various areas in the UK including a 24 hour helpline.

Report online: The police service has launched a website, called True Vision, which allows you to report hate crime online. It is also full of resources and advice.

www.report-it.org.uk



Schools as Reporting Centres

In Cheshire East, All Hallows Catholic College, Macclesfield and South Cheshire College, Crewe have all been designated as "Reporting Centres". This means that they are schools which have undertaken additional training to support pupils and their families and have embedded the issues into their curriculum.

Free CPS Hate Crime Schools Project with PowerPoint presentations and lessons:

http://www.cps.gov.uk/northwest/working_with_you/hate_crime_schools_project/

Good leaflets explaining hate crime in an easy to understand format <http://www.stophateuk.org/>

Good information and downloadable leaflets and posters about Hate Crime http://www.stonewall.org.uk/what_we_do/campaign/9286.asp

Good general information and information on reporting Hate Crime <http://www.cheshire.police.uk/advice--information/hate-crime.aspx>