



BRUNE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

We note the recent online activity about concerns for the wellbeing of students at Brune Park School and we want our community to be reassured and confident that we are making, and will continue to make, this a priority in our leadership of the school.

At a meeting with our Parent Support Group, held last week, we discussed the matter at length and it was agreed that - as well as managing those who are the perpetrators of such activity - we also give our attention to those who have felt they are victims. The knotty issue of differentiating between friendship issues, unkindness and what constitutes bullying was also discussed.

Actions the school is taking to continually improve things include: increasing the number of staff available to respond to youngsters and their needs, stabilising the teacher workforce so there remains more adults familiar to the students, the Student Council leading the work and a campaign around: *Proud to be Brune Park* with a campaign to encourage 'being a good friend' and 'talk to someone when you need to.' This includes students revisiting a flow-chart of 'who to talk to;' and 'what we do when someone feels they are being bullied.' The students are leading training, and working with staff so there is a daily facility available to any youngster feeling they need someone who is safe to talk to.

The students will be writing to you to outline their campaign, and we will also publish the flow-chart online as a reminder of our sharp response to any accusations of bullying we receive. The school leadership takes every reported incident very seriously, and we encourage you to talk to us so we can work through any concerns you have or you would like managed.

Please feel assured of the significant work that continues to be done for and with students so that they are successful and happy at Brune Park.