Leicestershire Homes for Ukraine - Responding to Bullying

Bullying is behaviour by an individual or group, usually repeated over time, that intentionally hurts another individual or group either physically or emotionally.

In the UK section 89 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 means that schools must have measures to encourage good behaviour and prevent all forms of bullying amongst pupils.

Your child's school should have a clear and well-publicised policy on Anti-Bullying stating that bullying is unacceptable in any form.

If your child is being bullied at school it is important that they feel safe to tell you all about it.

You need to spend some time talking to them to get as much detail as you can from them. Although you may be frustrated it's very important to be and to act calm.

If it is clear that your child has been bullied you need to report it immediately to their class teacher or form teacher. You can do this by talking to them, phoning them, emailing them, or using any other ways you have of communicating with the school (each school has its own preference). The teacher will tell you if you need to report another way.

If you feel that the issue is not resolved then you should report it to the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead, who has a responsibility to investigate the matter fully. In some schools it may be another person, but the Safeguarding Lead will tell you.

If the bullying persists you can make a formal complaint in writing in line with the schools' complaints policy (often to the Chair of Governors) explaining what has happened and what you feel would be a satisfactory outcome.

Remember that your child's well-being and safety is the most important factor.

If you need any support with any of these things you can email us on the Homes for Ukraine team on homesforukraine@leics.gov.uk

If you need more details, please see the Beyond Bullying website.

If your child has been physically harmed as part of bullying we would advise you to report it to the police, it is important to do this as soon as possible.