

## SAPIENS INNOVATIVE SCHOOL

# Anti-Bullying Policy

### 1. Purpose

This policy affirms our commitment to providing a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment, free from bullying and harassment. Bullying is incompatible with the values and learning culture of Sapiens Innovative School and will not be tolerated in any form.

## 2. Definition of Bullying

Bullying is intentional, repeated behaviour that causes physical, emotional, or psychological harm. It involves a real or perceived power imbalance. Bullying can be:

- **Physical**: hitting, pushing, damaging belongings
- Verbal: name-calling, threats, insults
- Social: exclusion, spreading rumours, public humiliation
- **Cyberbullying**: harmful messages or posts online or via devices

### 3. Guiding Principles

- Every student has the right to learn without fear
- Bullying prevention is part of our broader commitment to wellbeing and inclusion
- Students, staff, and families share responsibility in identifying and responding to bullying

### 4. Prevention Strategies

Sapiens Innovative School promotes an anti-bullying culture by:

- Teaching empathy, communication, and conflict resolution
- Holding regular class and tutor discussions on respectful behaviour
- Encouraging student-led initiatives that build inclusion
- Providing supervision in common areas and digital environments

### 5. Reporting Procedures

Anyone—student, parent, or staff—can report bullying. Reports may be made:

- Directly to a teacher, tutor, or designated safeguarding lead (DSL)
- Through confidential communication channels (including anonymously)
- Via School Today or by email to a trusted staff member

All reports are taken seriously, and no retaliation is tolerated.



#### 6. Response and Consequences

Once a report is received:

- The situation is assessed by the tutor or DSL
- A restorative approach is considered first (circle talk, mediation)
- Serious or repeated cases may lead to:
  - Parental involvement
  - Behavioural contracts
  - Temporary suspension
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Removal from school in cases of ongoing harm

Support is provided to both the target and the student responsible.

#### 7. Monitoring and Review

- Cases are documented and monitored for patterns
- Policy is reviewed annually or after any significant incident
- Students and families are regularly reminded of the school's zero-tolerance approach

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