

Principal: Mr Will Pratt

14th November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Throughout the academy this week we have a focus on National Anti-Bullying Week. We are eager to emphasise the theme, *Let's Make a Noise*, at Outwood Academy Ripon. Our commitment to fostering a supportive environment extends to our participation in Friday's Odd Socks Day, symbolising our collective stand against bullying.

In today's digital age, we observe a growing influence of unkind behaviour on social media platforms, notably among students on platforms like Snapchat, WhatsApp, and TikTok. This trend is concerning, and we believe it's crucial to address.

During our assemblies this week, we will stress the importance of kindness, not only in face-to-face interactions, but also in the realm of online communication. We write to you today seeking your partnership in ensuring that your child is using social media responsibly and respectfully. Your cooperation is integral to fostering a positive and inclusive environment for all students. Thank you for your commitment to this cause.

Yours faithfully,

Mr O'Brien Vice Principal

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