



## Name Calling Statement

### **Name calling is a bullying behaviour.**

It is verbal abuse.

It is not acceptable behaviour.

Children who name call have not learnt a simple and very important rule about living as part of a large school family: everybody has a right to be treated with kindness and respect.

When somebody abuses you or your family it makes you feel hurt, upset and angry.

That person is trying to take away your self-confidence.

Sometimes name calling may start as fun but it almost always causes distress and it often leads to more serious things happening, such as fighting.

### **We will never tolerate verbal abuse at our friendly, polite school.**

#### **Way of dealing with verbal abuse:**

- Do not name call back – this makes things worse.
- Tell the person who called you a name *“Do not be rude and offensive.”*
- Be assertive (speak clearly and firmly), but avoid being aggressive (never be threatening or place your hands on the other person)
- If you can manage it try not to show the other person that you are upset
- Tell a friend so that you have some support
- If it is silly behaviour try to ignore it, but if it continues tell a staff member that it is happening
- Whenever you can try to sort things out without telling a staff member
- Talk to your parents about it only if you feel you need their support
- Be proud of who you are. Remember: it is the person who is calling you a name that has the problem, not you.

#### **The school’s response to name calling**

- Children who name call will miss their playtimes for a day
- If they continue to name call their parents will be called to the school to discuss their behaviour.