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Dear Parent/Carer

At The Ferrers School we take our work around anti-bullying very seriously, and are always working proactively to ensure that our students feel safe and happy in our school community.

In recognition of this work, I am writing to inform you about an exciting new national anti-bullying award which our school is applying for.

The BIG (Bullying Intervention Group) Award is for schools, FE Colleges and community organisations which are attended by children and young people. To gain the award, we will have to meet strict criteria which will determine whether our anti-bullying practice is of the highest standard possible. We will then submit our evidence to the Bullying Intervention Group, and the assessment process will decide if we can be presented with the award. The award is backed by various charities and Esther Rantzen, CBE, President of ChildLine/NSPCC is promoting the scheme as good practice.

We have set up a Bullying Intervention Focus Group as part of our ongoing work our Student Union. We already have students committed to this project and we are inviting parents, staff and outside agencies to help us achieve this award. If you are interested in joining this group (who will meet each term to discuss our bullying prevention work) please let us know.

We will keep you informed of our progress in reaching the BIG Award standard. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school. The BIG Website can be found at www.bullyinginterventiongroup.co.uk. There is a section for parent/carers and also for children and young people on the site offering suggestions if help, advice or guidance is needed.

We are working with the whole school community to ensure our students know how to stay safe (including online), be respectful towards each other, understand what is and is not bullying and how to develop the resilience and positive mindset needed to be a successful young person growing up in the 21st century.

Yours sincerely

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