



**Re: The BIG Award**

Dear Parent/Carer,

At Reigate School we take bullying very seriously and are always working proactively to ensure that our children feel safe and happy in school.

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 Kidscape is promoting the scheme as good practice.

If we are successful, we will have a certificate and logo to display and will officially become a BIG Award school.

We will be setting up a Bullying Intervention Focus Group, which will be attended by our children, parents, staff and governors. If you are interested in joining this group, who will meet each term to discuss our bullying prevention work, please email [info@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk) . As a baseline for our next steps, please could we also ask that you fill out the following questionnaire:

<https://forms.gle/VtH72LJ9D7x9xiYF6>

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.org](http://www.bullyinginterventiongroup.org) - there is a section for parents/carers and also for children and young people on the site offering suggestions if help is needed.

We work with the whole school community to keep our children safe and look forward to developing this further in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Alexander and Mr Harvey