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Dear Parents/Carers,

The School Council have decided that they would like to incorporate both Anti Bullying week and Children in Need as we have in previous years. As we are sure you can appreciate, both of these awareness campaigns are very close to the children's hearts and require sensitive and positive discussion.

**The Anti-Bullying website says** – *'The most important thing is that Anti-Bullying Week helps raise awareness of bullying amongst children and young people and helps schools to tackle bullying taking place both online and face to face.'* *'The theme of Choose Respect has come about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.'* *'Following the success of the campaign in 2023 – when 80% of schools marked the week, reaching over 7.5 million children and young people – this year, we'll empower children and young people to choose respect.'*

**BBC Children In Need website says** – *'BBC Children in Need believes that every child should have the chance to thrive and be the best they can be. Right now, we are only able to fund 1 in 8 organisations who ask us for help. Children across the UK are facing greater challenges than ever, with mental health conditions such as anxiety & depression rising, high levels of poverty leading to inequality & lack of opportunity. Many children are simply carrying a load that's too heavy to manage alone, so this year, we are asking you to help make life lighter for children.'*

The School Council would like to launch this 'Choose Respect' and 'Make life lighter' week by:

- ✓ **Anti-Bullying week launch assembly** for children **MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> November**
- ✓ **Showing RESPECT at school** – discussions and activities about Respect in class
- ✓ **Showing RESPECT at home** – spend time at home talking about the definition of Bullying and how to report it (*The Anti-Bullying Alliance defines bullying as: "the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power."*)
- ✓ **Wear 'Odd socks' to school** – on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** or **all week if you wish!**
- ✓ **Wear 'lighter' clothes (bright and colourful)** and donate for Children In Need on **FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> November** – payable via **MCAS and Cash**

As with any of our appeals, we appreciate the support that you offer us at Kingsnorth CEP school. Please only ever give what you can, when you can. There is not an expectation for you to buy new socks or spotty socks. Children will always be included in the events, no matter what their attire should be. However, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for inclement/cold weather.

Should you have any queries or concerns, please contact us.

Many thanks

Mrs A Amos

School Council Representative