



What members say about our service:

Regarding the process of achieving The BIG Award:

“We are thrilled to have achieved the BIG Award - ensuring our children feel safe and happy and not exposed to any form of bullying is so important to us. Using your checklist has been brilliant to ensure we are doing things right and has improved our policy and procedures - so thank you. Looking forward to receiving our plaque”.

Hannah Fairhurst - Deputy Headteacher, Callands Community Primary School in Warrington.

Regarding our in-house training and The BIG Award:

“The service you offer students and staff is excellent I will always recommend to external services too”.

Melanie Boyce - Student support, Middlesbrough College

Regarding being a member of BIG:

“When you face up to the fact bullying occurs in your school it is something that you feel you shouldn't own up to in case parents'/carers feel that it makes it a bad place to be. I think that being honest that bullying happens in all communities of over 1200 people and that we strive every day to eliminate isn't something to hide. I am delighted that I now have a forum to work with other colleagues to share best practice and if we get recognition for the work we do as well – fantastic. Thanks, BIG Award for allowing us to talk openly about an issue we all face”

Vic Goddard - Principal of Passmores Academy in Essex

Regarding our online course for staff “Certificate in Anti-Bullying Mentoring of Young People”:

"I have worked in the anti-bullying field for a number of years but until now, have not had the opportunity to gain a qualification to reflect my knowledge and commitment in this area. The Certificate in Anti-Bullying Mentoring of Young People has enabled me to reflect on my every day practice and consider ways in which I can improve the work I do, in line with personal experience and wider research into anti-bullying. This is the first qualification I have gained in a number of years since working as an Anti-Bullying Development Officer and has enabled me to feel confident that I am continuing to offer best practice to the schools I work with".

Caroline Harbison – Leicestershire County Council

Regarding our in-house training:

“I would definitely recommend the new roadshow to other schools. The show was really good, the kids love how interactive it is and you're both so great with them that they're instantly put at ease!”

Emma Astbury – Teacher at Consett Junior School, County Durham.

Regarding BIG membership and award:

“With the excellent resources and support available through B.I.G, we were over the moon to be the first Primary School in County Durham to achieve the award. It is wonderful to have the fantastic work carried out throughout school, by adults and children alike, recognised. The resources available ensure that our policies and strategies are relevant and up to date.”

Rachel Crowe. The Grove Primary School

Regarding The BIG Award:

“Applying for the BIG Award gave us a very useful framework to assess all our anti-bullying work and focus on key areas which needed further development. It also gave us a platform for celebrating the good work carried out across the school, not least the effort of our Teen Talkers who are a peer support group. Our Teen Talkers work with both the victims of bullying and bullies themselves and have really helped to make our school a place where bullying is a very rare event.”

Hugh continued, “We have continued to review our anti-bullying provision using the BIG framework and the evidence we have collected is powerful, especially as BIG is recognised by OFSTED as a charter mark that schools should endeavour to receive. We have celebrated our success in school newsletters and the local press, and it really does show the community that we take our anti-bullying work very seriously. They can see that their children feel safe, secure and cared for at Wellfield Community School”.

Hugh Conway, Assistant Head Teacher, Wellfield Community College