



## **PIVOTAL EDUCATION**

BEHAVIOUR, SAFEGUARDING, TEACHING & LEARNING

### **Bullying: Roles We Play**

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#### **Aims:**

To get students to understand the roles of a bully, the victim and onlookers to enable students to recognise when bullying is taking place and their roles in how to stop bullying.

Read the following statement and then answer the questions below.

#### **A:**

*My name is Gemma. I'm new to this college. I arrived in December. I haven't really made any new friends; I tend to keep myself to myself. People make fun of my accent and other things. I try to pretend I don't care, and bury myself in my work, because I don't know what else to do. Carly's the worst: she's started calling me "stuck up" and "swat" and now her friends join in. She has even started sending me horrible text messages. The other day she deliberately pushed me in the corridor. I have started dreading coming to college. I would like to tell someone but I do not know who to tell.*

1. Why do you think Gemma is being bullied?
2. How do you think being bullied makes Gemma feel?
3. Why does Gemma not try to stop this bullying?
4. How could Gemma stop this bullying?

*Read the following statement and then answer the questions below.*

**B:**

**My name is Carly. I think I'm quite popular in college, and I like to have a laugh with my friends. Gemma, for instance, I quite liked her at first – she arrived in December from somewhere in the Midlands. What an accent! We all make fun of her. It doesn't seem to bother her very much – she just keeps herself to herself. She seems to think she's too good to mix with the likes of us: too clever, too posh. She's not that bad really but she does get on my nerves. I don't mean to be nasty, but she's a pain!**

1. *Why do you think Carly is bullying Gemma?*
2. *How do you think being a bully makes Carly feel?*
3. *Why does Carly continue to bully Gemma even though Gemma is ignoring Carly?*
4. *How could a college try to stop Carly bullying Gemma?*

*Read the following statement and then answer the questions below.*

**C:**

**Hi – I'm Sally, one of Carly's friends. Carly is OK, but she goes over the top sometimes. Take the way she treats Gemma, for instance, that new girl. Carly says it's just fun – but she doesn't leave her alone for a minute! I'm sure Gemma gets upset about it, although she doesn't show it. I'd like to tell Carly to stop, but I do not want to, because she might turn on me, and then I would be in the same boat as Gemma. Carly can be so spiteful!**

1. *Why does Sally let Carly bully Gemma?*
2. *How do you think watching Carly bully Gemma makes Sally feel?*
3. *Why doesn't Sally tell a friend or a teacher about this bullying?*
4. *How should Sally intervene to stop Carly bullying Gemma?*

*Read the following statement and then answer the questions below.*

**D:**

**I'm Gareth, one of Carly's friends. I've known her for years; we were in primary school together. She can be a bit loud, but she's OK really. Anyway, she's been having a pretty tough time lately, with her parents splitting up and everything. Not like that stuck-up Gemma: – nice house, posh car, nice parents. She's always coming top in assessments. She deserves a bit of name-calling, if you ask me, and Carly's great at that. It doesn't seem to bother her anyway. She just ignores us.**

- 1. Why does Gareth let Carly bully Gemma?*
- 2. How do you think watching Carly bully Gemma makes Gareth feel?*
- 3. Why doesn't Gareth tell a friend or a teacher about this bullying?*
- 4. How should Gareth intervene to stop Carly bullying Gemma?*

*Read the following statement and then answer the questions below.*

**E:**

**My name is Tom. I used to be one of Carly's close friends but she's gone off the rails a bit recently. I think it's partly to do with what's going on at home. Anyway, I don't like what she's doing to Gemma. I can see that the name-calling is really getting to Gemma, although she'd rather die than show how she feels. I'd like to help them both, but I can't, so I just keep out of it.**

- 1. Why does Tom let Carly bully Gemma?*
- 2. How do you think watching Carly bully Gemma makes Tom feel?*
- 3. Why doesn't Tom tell a friend or a teacher about this bullying?*
- 4. How should Tom intervene to stop Carly bullying Gemma?*

*Read the following statement and then answer the questions below.*

**F:**

**My name is Bethan. I don't know Carly much really. I keep out of her way most of the time, because she likes to push people around. I've got my own group of friends, anyway, and we get on really well. I've noticed what Carly's doing to Gemma, that new girl. It's not good – but I don't get involved. Gemma should learn to stick up for herself more – it's stupid the way she just takes things. Then that's up to her though not me isn't it?**

1. *Why does Bethan let Carly bully Gemma?*
2. *How do you think watching Carly bully Gemma makes Bethan feel?*
3. *Why doesn't Bethan tell a friend or a teacher about this bullying?*
4. *How should Bethan intervene and stop Carly bullying Gemma?*

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