

Much Wooton Catholic Primary School

How To Deal With Use Of Homophobic Language

Something has been said/over heard/reported.



Take child involved to one side and ask why they chose to use that language.



Does the child know what the word 'gay' means? Ask them.



After listening to child, discuss whether or not that was the right vocabulary to have chosen. (how can a pencil case be gay? How can a hair cut be gay? etc.)



If the child is able to answer question, end conversation and ask them to refrain from using that kind of language in school again as it may offend people. Talk about how it is the same as making a joke about being disabled or black. Remind the child involved that everyone is different and refer to anti-bullying policy if necessary.



If child does not know what the term 'gay' means, inform the child what it means. "two people of the same gender who love or care for each other."
End the conversation and inform parents of incident. Refer parents to our Anti-Bullying Policy and Liverpool's Homophobic Anti-Bullying Strategy, both of which are on our website of which Archbishop Kelly supports.



Report any incidents to Head Teacher.