

BULLYING and ABUSE of CHILDREN:

Sadly bullying is a problem in some schools, and life can be harder for any children who are 'different' for any reason. But the authorities will do their best to help you. Ask headteachers for help. And visit the website at

www.parentscentre.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoollife/iffthingsgowrong/bullyingproblems

The UK also has a very good organization to protect children called Childline. If you are a child or worried about a child for any reason, including physical and sexual abuse, they will speak with you and help you. Their website is at www.childline.org.uk/Pages/Home.aspx but you can also call them free - 24/7 - on 0800 1111.

We also have an organization called the NSPCC (the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children). They can be called free on 0808 800 5000 or visited at www.nspcc.org.uk

With these organizations it is not necessary for you to give your own details if you wish to remain unidentified. If the organization is concerned about what they are told, they will start an investigation of their own that may involve social workers, teachers and the police. But the source of the original information will be kept confidential.