

BULLYING

1. _____ is a very important 2. _____ of a 3. _____ life, and yet an 4. _____ number of children are showing 5. _____ to attend school. It is not that they 6. _____ too difficult or are 7. _____ the teachers. No, it is because they are being 8. _____.

School 9. _____ can make other 10. _____ lives 11. _____ and their bullying takes different forms. Often they will use their 12. _____ to 13. _____ those who are smaller and the weaker than themselves. They will 14. _____ their 15. _____ with a beating if they don't do as they say, often using 16. _____ to 17. _____ money, and will steal 18. _____ from them by force.

Bullies use 18. _____ as well as physical abuse 19. _____. The 20. _____ of this abuse may often simply be 21. _____ different in some way from the rest of the class. A child 22. _____ red hair, wear 23. _____, not have 24. _____ in shoes, have only one 25. _____, or be of a different 26. _____, for example. This can make them 27. _____ for the school bully, who will 28. _____ the most insulting 29. _____.

Some 30. _____ say that 31. _____ of the class bully 32. _____ the others is a result of an 33. _____ or some personal 34. _____, but this does not help those who are 35. _____ of the abuse. So great is the bullying problem that many schools have been forced 36. _____ an official strategy for 37. _____.

Teachers 38. _____ the victims of bullying 39. _____ the matter to one of them, but many of them 40. _____ to do so, for fear of more physical 41. _____ or more 42. _____. The bullies will 43. _____ them of 44. _____ and make them suffer more. Furthermore, those who 45. _____ others , although 46. _____, can often appear to be charming to those who are 47. _____. Because it is so difficult to get victims to report bullies, and often difficult to prove 48. _____, many bullies escape unpunished. We must protect our children from this 49. _____. They have a right to enjoy their schooldays.