BULLYING AT SCHOOL

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Violence at school is growing at an alarming rate. This type of behavior starts as early as kindergarten. It may not be noticeable or we often tend to ignore the signs since they're still small. Does these children not know what they are doing since they are so young? They do know what they are doing and it needs to be corrected to stop them from doing any harm to others and to themselves.

These things happen away from adult's supervision and outside of classroom and school. But there are subtle signs and hints that one must be aware of to avoid such incidents. Bullyings have many forms. It is not always through physical. It can also be verbal insults or social isolation.

Physical abuse often happens when there's no supervision so it is hard to single out. These kind of incidents are hidden very well until someone reported it or a figure of authority saw it with their own eyes. As an educator, we must always show to our students that they can tell us any problem they may suffer so they won't fear disclosing that they are being bullied.

Another sign to look out for is name-calling, gossiping, or insults. These may seem harmless to children but it is a bad habit that must be corrected. Being isolated and not speaking much can also be a sign of bullying. Kids who are different from their peers are more likely to be bullied. These events have a lifelong impact on a child's mental and physical health and must be avoided at all cost. A child must always feel safe at school for them to have a good learning development.
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