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Dear Parent/Carer

### Anti-Bullying Week – 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Anti-Bullying week is an important week for schools. This year more than ever we've witnessed the positive power that society can have when we come together to tackle a common challenge.

Bullying has long lasting effects on those who experience and witness it. By channelling our shared efforts and ambitions, we can reduce bullying together. From parents & carers, to teachers & support staff, children & young people, we all have a part to play in coming together to make a difference.

At Downlands this year, we have decided to try and produce a whole school video, where students and staff learn the 'Jerusalema Dance'. This dance originated on TikTok and went viral over lockdown. Although this dance isn't directly connected to Anti-Bullying Week, we feel that because it became a collective global activity and due to dance being highly collaborative it is perfect for exploring friendships and teamwork during Anti-Bullying Week.

YouTube has many examples of this video. All over the World people have come together and taken part in this dance. We hope to recreate this within our school community.

Due to social distancing, all filming will take place in the established year group bubbles in their outside space. We are asking tutors to give the students time to practice the dance during tutor time, but we hope that by including the links in this letter you will pass these to your child and encourage them to practice at home.

If all goes well, we will have our video ready on either the afternoon of Friday 20 November or the following Monday. The video will then be uploaded to our YouTube channel and be available on our website and social media platforms. The filming will be done in large groups and on the final video there will be just a small section for each year group. There will be no zooming in on individuals.

If anyone is unhappy with their child taking part in the filming then please email [gwickens@downlands.org](mailto:gwickens@downlands.org) as soon as possible.

[Jerusalema Video](#)

[Jerusalema Tutorial](#)

We thank you in advance for your support.

Kind regards

Yours faithfully,

**Mr G Odlin**  
Assistant Head Teacher

