

Children are being racially abused every hour in the UK, research has suggested amid warnings over rising hate crime. The NSPCC said the figure has rocketed by a fifth in the past three years, mirroring a rise in hate crimes across all age groups. Home Office statistics show that more than half of religiously-motivated attacks in 2017-18 were directed at Muslims and the next most commonly targeted group was Jewish people. Religious hate crime rocketed by 40 per cent in the year to a record high in England and Wales. We must brace for another explosion in hate crime when the UK departs the EU, in the wake of angry protests earlier this year. Assistant commissioner Neil Basu, the head of UK counterterrorism policing, has voiced his concern over rising hate crime and said it could be a “proxy measure” for the rising far-right threat. Childhood bullying of this nature can cause long term emotional harm to children and can create further divisions in our society. If we see a child bullying another because of their race we need to tackle it head on, by explaining that it’s not ok and how hurtful it is.

Hello,

I am sorry to be a nuisance in emailing you again, but I wanted to check you received my email below? And to make you aware that we have been asked to **extend the free access** due to the end of the school year quickly approaching, as many headteachers/SLT members wanted time to show staff/pupils in September at the start of the new school year, hope this helps! **Well over 650 schools have already registered across London** which is overwhelmingly positive and I have listed all the schools below for you, sorry for the long list. To also be included please complete the short digital registration form below, it only takes 30 secs.

Digital Registration Form – London schools free access code is **2MJJ** (Please add in blank box on bottom left of form, Just so you know it will be amended our end to last until the 1st November 2019)

The BIG classroom is an online community of thousands of schools across the UK who are dedicated to promoting tolerance and challenging stereotypes by giving a snapshot of their day to day lives at work, rest and play. Big Classroom can help your pupils explore similarities and differences between themselves and others; among families, faiths, communities, cultures and traditions; and to share and discuss practices, celebrations and experiences. We are giving children opportunities to learn the importance of tolerant behaviours such as sharing and respecting other’s opinions. We believe if children see and hear their peers respecting other cultures, religions and values then this will have a significant, positive impact upon their own behaviour and overall development

Barnet schools registered for free access so far:

Alma Primary	Barnet
Blessed Dominic RC School	Barnet
Brookland Junior School	Barnet
Chalgrove Primary School	Barnet
Christ's College Finchley	Barnet
Church Hill School	Barnet
Coppetts Wood Primary School	Barnet

Copthall School	Barnet
Dollis Junior School	Barnet
Edgware Primary School	Barnet
Etz Chaim Jewish Primary School	Barnet
Grasvenor Avenue Infant School	Barnet
Hendon School	Barnet
Hollickwood Primary School	Barnet
Holy Trinity CofE Primary School	Barnet
Mill Hill School Foundation	Barnet
Monken Hadley CofE Primary School	Barnet
Northgate School	Barnet
Northside Primary School	Barnet
Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School	Barnet
Queenswell Infant & Nursery School	Barnet
Queenswell Junior School	Barnet
St Agnes RC School	Barnet
St Andrew the Apostle Greek Orthodox School	Barnet
St Mary's CofE Primary School	Barnet
St Mary's and St John's CE School	Barnet
St Paul's CofE Primary School N11	Barnet
The Annunciation Junior School	Barnet
The Hyde School	Barnet
The King Alfred School	Barnet
The Orion Primary School	Barnet

Media headlines report that racist hate crimes have almost doubled in schools and wider society since Brexit. A recent report by the Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL) (now part of the new National Education Union) found that more than a fifth of teachers were aware of incidents of hate crime or speech happening in their schools in the past academic year. Misogynist and racist language is 'being normalised as our little sponges are absorbing and regurgitating it'. With all this in mind I kindly ask you not to dismiss this project because you feel you have this covered. Obviously, we can't single-handedly solve these issues, but together we can play a small part in breaking down some of these barriers. Young people should be encouraged to be proud of who they are. Racial bullying can be hard to cope with but young people need to know they don't have to carry this burden alone. So, I urge you to take part in this project as it will benefit your pupils and therefore your school.

Thank you very much
James