



Ade's interview with Brenda Stafford from the charity, Kidscape

Bullying has been in the news a lot recently – but has the amount of bullying going on between young people actually increased in the past few years? Adeteyo in Year 7 at the Bridge Academy, Hackney, interviewed Brenda Stafford from the charity Kidscape to find out.

Ade: Do you think the amount of bullying going on in schools in Britain has increased in the past few years?

Brenda: The amount of reported bullying has increased in the past few years.

Ade: Which type of bullying incidents are the most commonly reported?

Brenda: Verbal and physical abuse are the most common type of bullying incidents reported to Kidscape by children.

Ade: Is there much difference between the type of bullying reportedly done by boys rather than girls?

Brenda: Yes, physical abuse is more often reported to have been done by boys rather than girls and verbal abuse is more commonly reported to have been done by girls rather than boys.

Ade: What advice would you give to someone being bullied?

Brenda: Report it sooner rather than later.

Ade: So why do people bully?

Brenda: It happens for a variety of reasons. For example, sometimes bullies are actually being bullied themselves. They may be going through a hard time. There are a whole host of reasons why people bully.

Ade: Brenda, thankyou.

Brenda: You're welcome Ade.