

Bullying

Today we want you to meet Andrew, our new classmate. He is a shy boy and has integrated in the class with a lot of efforts, especially because we did not help him too much to do so. Most of the classmates consider him different because he likes to read and spends a lot of his time in the library studying. Moreover, his physical aspect is not an advantage for him either. He is fatty, reason why he is permanently being bullied.

There is not a single day passing by without his „well-intentioned” colleagues reminding him about the way he looks and that he is a geek. The three worst guys are from the << Populars group >>, only preoccupied by the physical aspect, with a lot of charisma for the girls and with a lower interest for school. Every time they meet Andrew on the courtyard, they verbally assault him.

- Attention - geek ahead!
- Hey, you wale, did you stumble on the threshold again? We had no idea that wales know how to read!
- Did you run from the library? There were too many mice in there?

Or they do other all sorts of aggressions to him: they disject his books and notebooks, eat his food.

Andrew is desperate. He does not know how to react and isolated himself more and more from the rest of the classroom, has no friends and nobody seems available to help him in any way. It is hard for Andrew to understand why his colleagues cannot accept him the way he is. He is aware of the fact that he is different but, at the same time, he is a child, just like the others.

One day, one of school's teachers bumped into one of those scenes:

Andrew was sitting in the middle of the pupils, desperately trying to get his backpack and the books borrowed from the library back.

The teacher interfered:

- What is going on here? he asked.

- Nothing, teacher, the three boys answered. We were just joking.
- This is how you perceive jokes? You are just affronting and harassing a colleague. Does this seem normal to you?

What you are doing is called bullying and is a form of discrimination.

The fact that he looks different than you or that he has different passions than you should not consist in a reason of harassing someone. We are all different, but, at the same time, we are all human beings. You yourself could get confronted to this kind of treatment. You will only manage to alienate people from you with this kind of behavior.

Moreover, because your school results have dramatically declined, I think you need a tutor. For this reason, starting today Andrew will be your tutor and will supervise you while you do your homework.

Nowadays, the four boys are best friends. By spending more time together during the tutoring hours, the children ended up knowing each other better and they even discovered they have common hobbies – computer games. Now they change games between them, go together to the movies and to candy shops. They ended up understanding that the difference between human beings should not be a barrier from making new friends and from appreciating each other's qualities.

