



Challenging Homophobia and Homophobic Language





To help you understand...

Homosexuality – Having feelings for, or being sexually attracted to people of the same sex

Homophobia is rooted in an irrational fear that leads to hatred, victimisation & intolerance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

What does this mean?

Lesbian A woman who is attracted to other women

Gay A man who is attracted to other men

Bisexual Someone who is attracted to both men and women

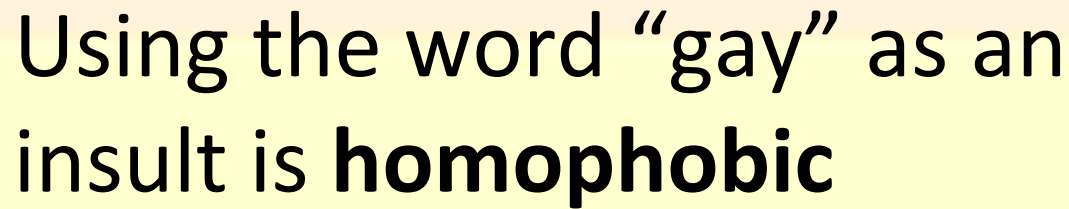
Trans gender Someone who cannot identify with their sex and gender roles from birth.



Some thing that breaks, or is stupid, or is unwanted is not “gay”.

It is just broken, stupid or not wanted

**find a new
adjective.**





Calling someone “gay” as a way of suggesting there is something wrong with being lesbian or gay is **homophobic**



In the UK homophobic
behaviour is recognised in
law as a hate crime



Think!!!!

“You’re so gay.....”





Hate Incident is when the victim perceives that something motivated by prejudice or hate has happened to them **but it is not a criminal offence**

Hate Crime is any hate incident perceived by the victim as being motivated by prejudice or hate which **constitutes a criminal offence,**



Consequences of homophobia

LGBT people have significantly higher than average rates of anxiety, depression, self-harm and suicidal behaviour, as well as higher problem drug and alcohol use.



Consequences of homophobia

44% of LGBT pupils who experience homophobic bullying will skip school because of it





Consequences of homophobia

1 in 3 LGBT pupils who experience homophobic bullying change their plans for future education because of it.





Consequences of homophobia

Nearly 25% LGBT pupils have tried to take their own lives at some point.

Compared to 7% of all young people



Consequences of homophobia

Over half of young gay people will deliberately harm themselves

Compared to 1 in 15 of all young people.

FACT:

People do **not** choose their sexual orientation....

FACT:

People **do not** choose to be lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender

FACT:

People **do** choose to be homophobic



FACT:

We do **not** tolerate homophobia at this school

Homophobic language is **not** accepted at this school

FACT:

If you hear or see homophobic behaviour or language we would like you to stop it

If you hear or see homophobic behaviour or language we **need** you to report it



Everybody should feel safe being who they are