

# Consideration of Support for the Parents of Offending Children in Cases of Bullying

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In recent times, the difficulty of dealing with cases of bullying has come to the fore, especially for the parents of the offending children. In the *Act on the Promotion of Preventive Measures against Bullying*, enacted in 2013, much more emphasis is put on victims than ever before, thus we could say that it is getting difficult to take educational leadership in the area of social development at school for the benefit of the offending children.

In this study, although it is necessary to familiarize parents with the conduct for guiding and supporting offending children, we considered the difficult situations involved in cooperating with relevant authorities due to the various circumstances of the families involved.

We handed out a questionnaire and conducted a face-to-face survey on bullying with teachers at elementary schools and junior high schools in the south Osaka area.

To promote support for children, it is beneficial that external supporters, such as school social workers, cooperate with supporting organizations and other necessary organizations, in order to build a cooperative framework with each other.

The understanding and cooperation of the parents is essential for the offending children to receive support, including opportunities for enhanced education. If the parents feel resistant about accepting support, it is necessary to involve them empathetically by conducting a careful assessment to discover the reason why they would react like that. If we are still not able to get the parents' permission, schools should consider a proper course of action, such as by enacting compulsory measures.