

# Countering Hate Crime in Birmingham Schools Notice (Feb 2020)

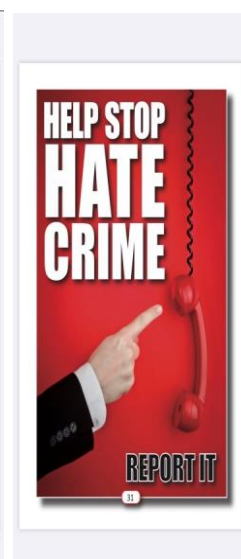
As you may all be aware, on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 the Birmingham Mail shared news about a major incident that took place where a woman was punched unconscious in a 'Coronavirus rage' racist incident. According to West Midlands Police this was the first incidence of hate crime reported and a full investigation is underway.

Crimes motivated by intolerance towards certain groups in society are described as hate crimes. Such crimes have potential to divide societies and communities, and to create cycles of violence and retaliation.

Hate incidents and hate crime are acts of violence or hostility directed at people because of who they are or who someone thinks they are.

Crimes committed against someone because of their disability, race, transgender-identity, religion or belief, or sexual orientation are hate crimes and should be reported to the police or via the **HATE CRIME APP** that can be downloaded. Please see attached document for details.

In Birmingham together we uphold the values of respect, tolerance and our democratic way of life in a peaceful, plural and inclusive society that opposes intolerance; where people exercise individual liberty and take personal responsibility for promoting equal citizenship, recognising the harm of hate crime. We endeavour to challenge and resist hate crime and support those affected by it. Please share the details of the **HATE CRIME APP** with parents, staff and pupils to ensure communities can report incidents' and feel safe in Birmingham.



Classroom resources: Please check the resources before you deliver to your pupils.

<https://www.pshe-association.org.uk/curriculum-and-resources>

<https://educateagainsthate.com/category/teachers/classroom-resources/>

[http://www.report-it.org.uk/cps\\_launch\\_hate\\_crime\\_schools\\_pack](http://www.report-it.org.uk/cps_launch_hate_crime_schools_pack)

Get it on the iOS Store - <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/hate-crime/id599314473>

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WEST MIDLANDS POLICE HATE CRIME APP