

'A STEP TOO FAR' - THEATRE IN EDUCATION PROGRAMME

IMPACT REPORT



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Since 1994, Loudmouth Education and Training has been supporting schools, organisations and partnerships with their violence prevention and safeguarding programmes.

Loudmouth creates and delivers theatre in education programmes to support children and young people to have healthy and safe lives free from abuse and violence. Loudmouth are West Midlands based and each year run over 1,000 sessions to more than 100,000 children and young people.

'A Step Too Far' is Loudmouth's theatre in education programme for Year 7 upwards. This looks at bullying, resilience, sextortion and online safety, homophobic and sexual/sexist bullying. The drama and workshop helps children to spot and prevent bullying and explore strategies to protect their mental wellbeing.

For more information visit the ['A Step Too Far' page](#) on our website.

In the academic year 24/25, Loudmouth ran a total of 83 sessions of 'A Step Too Far', a theatre in education programme on staying safe.

We reached 12,338 young people aged between 11 and 16 years old across the UK.



The 'A Step Too Far' programme...

- **Consists of performances, character/s Q&A and a workshop that includes local and national signposting to partner support organisations.**
- **Teaches students about different forms of bullying that they may not be familiar with. These include cyberbullying and sextortion. The programme explores the impact of sexual / sexist and homophobic bullying and the impact of bullying within relationships. Students learn where to get support if they or anyone they know is being bullied.**
- **Is led by Loudmouth's safeguarding trained Actor/Facilitators and are delivered in a safe, appropriate and trauma informed way.**
- **Can be run as live or virtual sessions.**
- **Is accompanied by teachers' resources to support our visits, this would include lesson plans, signposting information and parent/guardian support material.**

“Brilliant message, identifying different kinds of bullying which pupils might not recognise.”

- KS3 Leader



After participating in the 'A Step Too Far' programme, 84% of students rated their knowledge of bullying as good or excellent. This is a rise from 53% before the session

98% of students felt that 'A Step Too Far' helps people to learn about bullying / cyber bullying. Examples of why are shown below.

“It shows helpful tips on how to stop cyber bullying and how to stop physical bullying.”

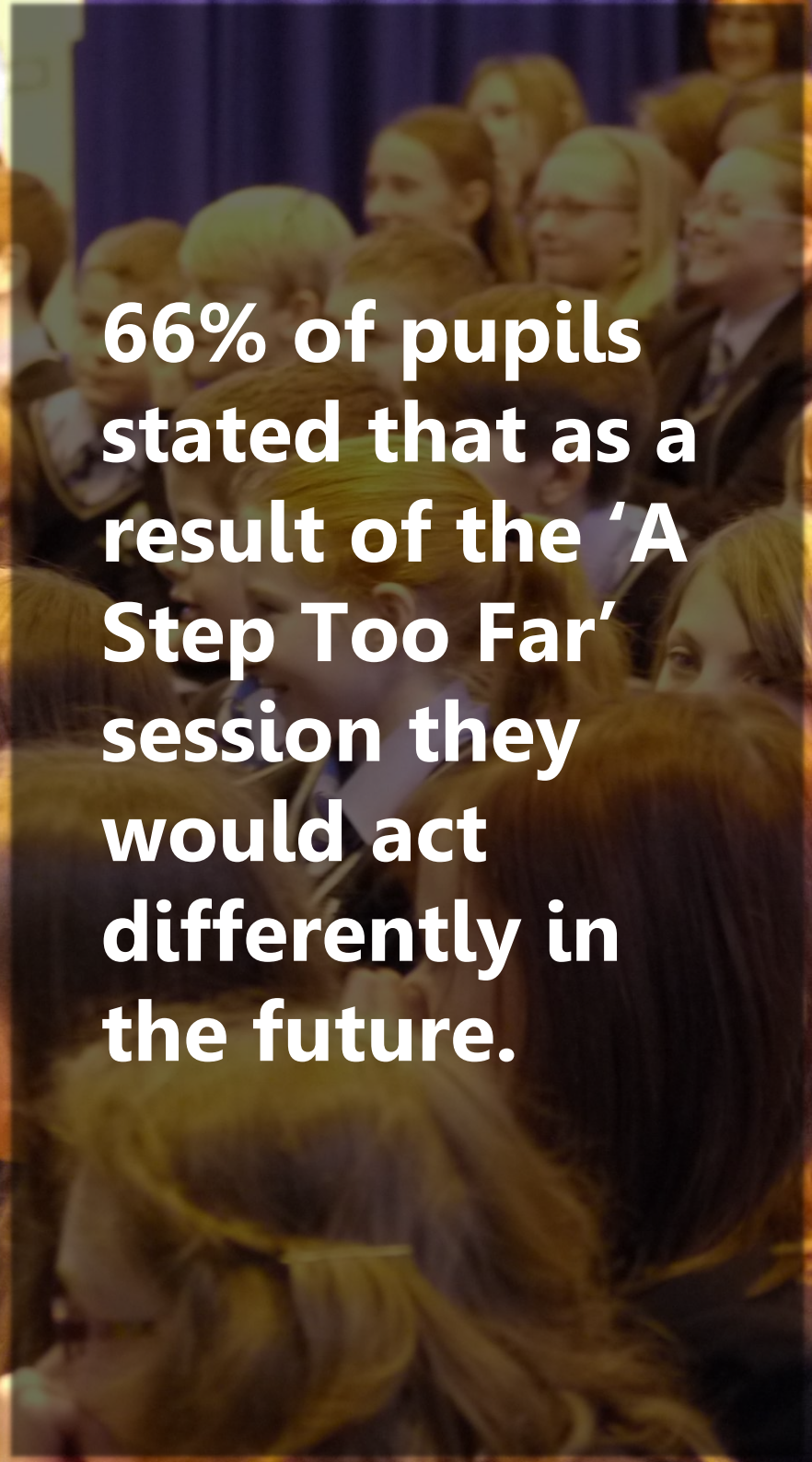
“It shows how bullying can affect people’s mental and physical health.”

“because they talk about bullying and what to do if it’s happening to you.”

“The scenarios are relatable so it could help the people in the situation.”



**66% of pupils
stated that as a
result of the 'A
Step Too Far'
session they
would act
differently in
the future.**



Example responses from students when asked 'how they would act or behave differently...'

"I will now be more considerate when seeing bullying or the way I treat others."

"I think that I will check twice and think twice before I say things, and others will too."

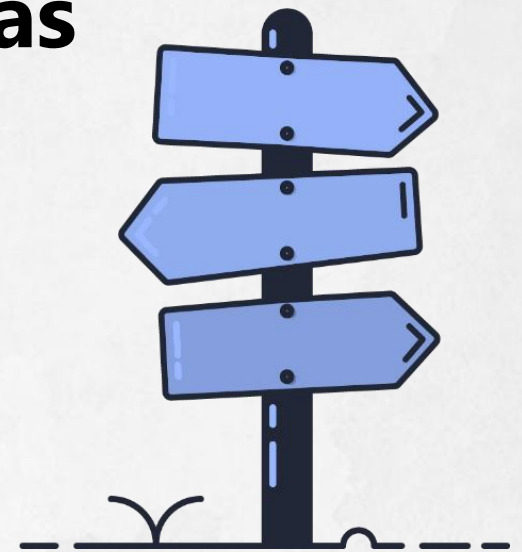
"I will know what to do in the future if I am being bullied."

"I know the different types of bullying and how to deal with it."

After the session 85% of pupils could name 3 places to go to for help and support if they did not feel safe.

The most popular answer after the session was Childline, which was given by 73% of pupils.

This was a rise from 20% before the session.



A young person with short, curly brown hair is sitting on a blue upholstered chair in a library. They are wearing a black zip-up hoodie and dark trousers. They are smiling and gesturing with their hands while holding a pen. The background shows bookshelves filled with books and blue binders. Another person's legs are visible on the right side of the frame.

96% of all students evaluated said they thought that they would recommend 'A Step Too Far' for next year's pupils.

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