Happy World Mental Health Day



'Siiiir, it's just bantaaaaaaa!"



What is banter?

Is there a problem with this banter?



Banter

"The playful and friendly exchange of teasing remarks."

"Excuse for inappropriate behaviour"

https://www.skysports.com/watch/video/sports/cricket/9040946/clarkedefends-on-field-banter

"The problem with "banter" is that people use it as an excuse to say something unpleasant and then distance themselves from it."

Tom Chivers, Daily Telegraph Editor

Slapping Hand Game

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ySY_CXOSHTY&pp=ygUWc2xhcHBpbmcgZ2FtZSBvbiBoYW5kcw%3D%3D

"It's just a game" they both seem happy. But are they happy? Does it hurt? Is getting hurt, funny? No it's not. Is it ok to put your hand on someone else, even if it's a game.

Is this assault?





Banter or Bullying?

Hollygirt School

- Do you want a fight?
- 1s it because I'm black?
 - · He did it to me first.
- We're just messing around.
- Targeting a persons vulnerability.

Consequences

Inappropriate physical contact with intent could lead to a suspension or at least an SLT detention and parent meeting.