



Press Release

Documentary in Two Parts: *Too Scared for School*

**SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER AND SUNDAY 3
DECEMBER AT 6.30PM**

SCHOOL BULLIES UNDER INVESTIGATION

A documentary focussing on school bullies will be screened in two parts by e.tv on Sunday 26 November and Sunday 3 December, at 6.30pm.

In the award-winning and emotional British documentary, *Too Scared for School*, bullying is explored, as well as the profound effects of thuggery on young people. Indeed, it's hard to believe that we live in a world where almost half of young people have experienced bullying at school.

Over two episodes, they follow the pain and desperation of three young teenagers as they struggle to cope with the daily torture they suffer at the hands of bullies. Over several months cameras follow two girls and one boy, at home as well as going to and from school.

The documentary also records the thoughts of the bullies themselves, as they reveal what motivates them to make someone else's life a living hell. Video diaries also allow viewers to follow the victims more private and most intimate thoughts.

Some of the children feel that neither their families nor their teachers fully appreciate the seriousness of their bullying at school, which causes them to feel increasingly isolated.

Through telling their stories, the victims hope to change their situation and help other children who may be experiencing similar feelings of helplessness and despair.

Using short pieces of reconstruction, the film illustrates the real-life, everyday behaviour behind the now common headline-grabbing statistics in the local and international press.

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