

STUDENT WELLBEING

BULLYING

WHAT IS BULLYING?

Bullying is when an individual or group uses its power & strength to repeatedly, deliberately & intentionally use words or actions against another or a group that hurts, threatens, excludes, harasses, humiliates verbally, physically, psychologically or electronically making the victim feel oppressed, traumatized & powerless.

WHAT IS NOT BULLYING?

- Disliking someone
- Bad moods / arguments / being “Bossy”
- Accidental physical harm
- Telling a joke about someone once
- Not playing with someone or choosing different people or groups to play with

WHAT IS CYBER BULLYING?

Sending abusive texts, stalking, making threats, abusive emails, posting unkind messages or inappropriate images on sites, imitating and deliberately excluding others online.

BULLYING

- Face to Face
- Can find a safe space or escape
- Limited to onlookers
- Bully can be identified
- Can see facial and body reaction of target and onlookers

CYBER BULLYING

- 24H a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year
- No safe space – hard to escape
- Shared by a wide audience – can go viral in a matter of seconds
- Bully can be anonymous
- Harder to empathise with the target
- No geographical limitations
- The target can easily become the bully

ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO:

- Be critical thinkers
- Take responsibility for their actions
- Have empathy for others
- Be resilient
- Respect themselves and those around them

As a parent learn the language, play the games, research the apps they use, remove technology from the bedroom, talk to your children about being safe online, don't ban devices and remember to role model positive behaviour.