

Year 5 Computing

E-Safety: Cyberbullying

'Let's fight it together'!

Tuesday 12th January

### Learning Objective

Today we are learning how to understand, prevent and respond to cyberbullying threats.

### Success Criteria

I will be successful if:

- I can say what cyberbullying is and how it affects people.
- I can explain what the differences are between bullying and cyberbullying.
- I can name some strategies to avoid getting into or contributing to negative situations online.

## Part 1

Discuss the following questions with an adult or sibling OR simply think about your answers.

- Who uses the Internet at home?
- What is your favourite online activity?
- Who chats on the Internet?
- What app/website/game do you use to chat with people?
- Who has a smartphone?

## Part 2

Create this grid on a piece of paper. Write down what you think bullying is, what you think cyberbullying is and what differences there are between the two.

Bullying

Differences

Cyberbullying

## Here are some official definitions...

### (1) Bullying

"Behaviour by an individual or group, usually repeated over time, that intentionally hurts another individual or group either physically or emotionally."<sup>3</sup>

### (3) Differences

**Differences:**  
Cyberbullying has possibly a much bigger audience, no closure and no escape from the bully, and the other people involved may not realise the impact and contribution they make.

### (2) Cyberbullying

\* Cyberbullying is the use of information and communications technology (ICT), particularly mobile phones and the internet, deliberately to upset someone else. Like other forms of bullying, cyberbullying can include a wide range of unacceptable behaviours, including harassment, threats and insults. And, like face-to-face bullying, cyberbullying is designed to cause distress and harm.

## Part 2

Discuss the following questions with a family member OR simply think about your answers.

- Why do you think people bully others?
- What is a bystander?
- What do you think an accessory to a bully is?
- How serious do you think the issue of cyberbullying is?
- What % of people do you think have been cyberbullied?
- How can we keep ourselves and others safe from cyberbullying?
- What can we do as a school to stop this from happening?

## Here are some possible answers to those questions...

**Why do you think people bully others?** There are a number of different possible reasons that people bully others: because they do not understand the harm they are doing; they are not aware that they are having an effect on others; they are reproducing behaviour that has been carried out on them; or to be popular with other people.

**What is a bystander?** "A person who is present at an event without participating in it."<sup>4</sup> For example, somebody who sees another person send a bullying text message to a target.

**What do you think an accessory to a bully is?** A person who is able to help the target, who joins in the bullying behaviour either willingly or unwittingly.

**How serious do you think the issue of cyberbullying is? What percentage of young people do you think have been bullied?** Research carried out for the Anti-Bullying Alliance found that 22% of 11-16 year-olds had been a victim of cyberbullying.<sup>5</sup>

### Part 3

Watch the film 'Let's fight it together' by typing the following details into Google:

childnet digizen let's fight it together film

The film is based on real-life situations.

If you have any worries or concerns after watching the video, remember: you can always speak to a trusted adult.

When you watch the video, think about the role each person plays in helping to prevent bullying or contributing to it.

## Part 4

Write down what role the following people play in either preventing cyberbullying or contributing towards it.

- Kim
- Teacher
- Mum
- Rob
- Joe

## Part 5

Discuss the following questions with a family member OR simply think about your answers.

- Why did the police get involved?
- Joe deleted one of the messages - was this the right thing to do?
- How many people bully Joe? Who? Why?
- What can we do to stop this behaviour from happening?