



Castle Hill Primary School Cyberbullying Policy

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The Children's and Young People Plan aims to ensure that children are safe and feel safe from bullying, harassment and discrimination under the Stay Safe Every Child Matters Agenda. This school is committed to teaching children the knowledge and skills to be able to use ICT effectively, safely and responsibly.

Aims of Policy:

- To ensure that pupils, staff and parents understand what cyber bullying is and how it can be combated.
- To ensure that practices and procedures are agreed to prevent incidents of cyber bullying.
- To ensure that reported incidents of cyberbullying are dealt with effectively and quickly.

Understanding Cyber bullying:

Cyber bullying is the use of ICT (usually a mobile phone and/or the internet) to abuse another person.

It can take place anywhere and involve many people.

Anybody can be targeted including pupils and school staff.

It can include threats, intimidation, harassment, cyber-stalking, vilification, defamation, exclusion, peer rejection, impersonation, unauthorised publication of private information or images etc.

Procedures to Prevent Cyber bullying:

Staff, pupils, parents and governors are to be made aware of issues surrounding cyber bullying.

Some common apps and social media sites are:

YouTube 13+ (under 13 with parental consent)

Facebook 13+

Tiktok 13+

Snapchat 13+

Instagram 13+

X 13+

WhatsApp 16+

Therefore, as a school, we can expect that no child of primary school age will be using these sites.

Staff CPD will assist in learning about current technologies.

Pupils will learn about cyber bullying through PSHE, assemblies, anti-bullying week activities and other curriculum projects.

Pupils will sign an Acceptable Use of ICT contract.

Parents will be provided with information and advice on how to combat cyber bullying

Parents will be expected to sign an Acceptable Use of ICT contract and to discuss its meaning with their children.

Incidents of cyberbullying:

In the event of an incident of cyberbullying, either within or outside school, the following procedures will be followed by the school:

- 1) Investigate the incident with pupils involved and take written statements.
- 2) Inform parents of pupils involved.
- 3) Offer further guidance to parents if needed.
- 4) Inform the police in cases of actual or suspected illegal content.

All reports of cyber bullying will be investigated, recorded and monitored regularly.

The Local Authority can provide support and assistance in dealing with incidents of cyberbullying and can be contacted by staff and parents.

The police will be contacted in cases of actual or suspected illegal content.

Useful websites:

www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk

www.childline.org.uk

www.dfes.gov.uk/bullying

www.kidscape.org.uk

www.nspcc.org.uk/keepingchildrensafe/onlinesafety/socialmedia

www.commonsemmedia.org

www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/is-my-child-ready-for-social-media