

ANTI-CYBERBULLYING POLICY

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 cyber bullying 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, unauthorized publication of private information or images etc.

Procedures to Prevent Cyber bullying:

- Staff, pupils, parents and governors to be made aware of issues surrounding cyber bullying.
- Pupils and parents will be urged to report all incidents of cyber bullying to the school.
- Staff CPD will assist in learning about current technologies
- Pupils will be involved in developing and communicating this policy.
- 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.

- Pupils, parents and staff will be involved in reviewing and revising this policy and school procedure.
- All reports of cyber bullying will be investigated, recorded, stored in the Head teacher’s office and monitored regularly.
- The Local Authority can provide support and assistance in dealing with incidents of cyber bullying and can be contacted by staff and parents.
- The police will be contacted in cases of actual or suspected illegal content.

Review date: September 2010

Signed.....Chair of Governors Date.....

Signed.....Headteacher Date.....

Signed.....

On behalf of Wexham Court Primary School pupils by members of the School Council 2009/10

Useful websites:

www.kidsmart.org.uk/beingsmart

www.respectme.org.uk/cyberbullying

www.childnet.int.org

www.ant-bullyingalliance.org

www.antibullying.net

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/bullying

www.chatdanger.com

www.ceop.gov.uk

www.childline.org.uk

www.dfes.gov.uk/bullying

www.kidscape.org.uk