

# Cyber Safety Information

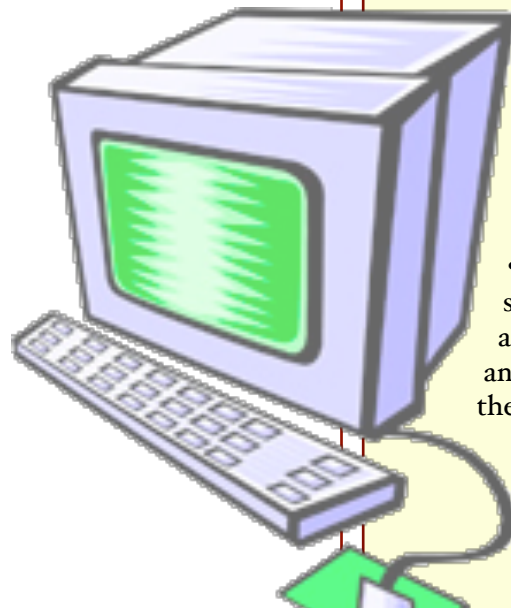
## Parents & Pupils

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### What is Cyber Bullying ?

Cyber Bullying is using any form of technology to abuse or threaten another person. Some examples are listed below:

- Sending harassing text messages
- Making malicious / abusive phone calls
- Taking a picture / video of people on mobiles and passing these around / publishing them on the internet for amusement.
- Writing threatening emails
- Being abusive in chat rooms
- Writing nasty things about people in websites (Bulletin Boards , chat room or social networking sites)
- Sending nasty instant messages
- Breaking into someone's e-mail or social networking account and using it to



### What Can Parents do?

- Take an active interest in what your child is doing on the computer
- Purchase and install Internet filtering software and set this up carefully to block unsavory web content.
- Familiarise yourself with the websites that your children use.
- Read carefully the information provided by your Internet Service Provider (ISP) about setting parental controls.
- Monitor what sort of sites your child visits most and ask them what they are doing. If your child was going out, you would ask what they were doing and where they were going, this is the same thing.
- Research and understand what is meant by the different terms that people use in chat rooms.
- Familiarise yourself and your children with [www.childnet-int.org](http://www.childnet-int.org) & [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)
- Discuss the issues, concerns and safety features with your child.
- Do not allow your child to meet someone from a chat room. If they are adamant then accompany them and make sure that they are aware of the risks.
- Please contact Werneth School at any time to voice any concerns you may have over what your child is doing.

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## What can Werneth School do?

- We will make sure that cyber bullying is understood by all staff and students
- Ensure that all staff, pupils and parents know about the systems and policies in place and that they are regularly updated to take into account new technologies.
- Monitor computer usage within school using state of the art technology (RM Tutor, Stockport filtering service and Securus)
- Ensure that cyber bullying is taught as part of the ICT curriculum and it will endeavour to teach pupils how to be safe on the internet and on their mobile phones and the pros and cons of each.
- Introduce a clear policy on the use of mobile devices in school and during school activities.
- Regularly when ever practicable inform staff of new technologies and ways in which they might be abused by people intent on causing harm to others.
- Ensure that unsuitable and harmful websites are blocked and regularly check that this remains the case.
- Work with police and other partners such as voluntary agencies for advice and support on



managing cyber bullying

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### What Can Young People do?

- If in chat-rooms, always use a nickname, don't give people you don't know your personal information like full name, mobile number etc. You wouldn't do this straight away on the streets, so why online?
- Be very careful about what kind of picture, if any, you post onto the internet as people could use this for other things.
- If you are being harassed on-line, report this abuse via the link on the website and leave the area (i.e. chat room, instant messaging)
- If you receive nasty messages through e-mail or IM, block the sender and report them on the website. Never reply to harassing messages.
- Never meet a chat room buddy in the real world without a trusted adult accompanying you. My advice is don't meet anyone you have met online. It is better to be safe and not sorry.
- Remember, not everyone on the internet is who they say they are. It is like meeting a stranger in the street, you would not believe everything they tell you at first, would you?

