



GLENROY WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL ANTI - CYBER BULLYING POLICY

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Definition:

Bullying is when someone, or a group of people, upset or create a risk to another person's health and safety- psychologically or physically, or to their property, reputation or social acceptance **on more than one occasion**. Bullies deliberately set out to intimidate, exclude, threaten and /or hurt others repeatedly. Bullying is a clear form of harassment. **People who use the internet, email, intranet, phones or similar technologies to bully others are cyber bullies.**

Rationale

Bullying in any form is unacceptable. Bullying that is carried out through an internet service, such as email, chat room, online games, discussion group, instant messaging or through mobile phone technologies such as short messaging services (SMS) is **cyber bullying**. Cyber bullying will not be tolerated at any level, and consequences exist for individuals who choose to cyber bully others.

Aims:

- To educate and reinforce the school community what cyber bullying is and the fact that it is unacceptable
- To enable everyone in the school community to be alert to signs and evidence of cyber bullying and to be aware that they have a responsibility to report it to staff, whether as observer or victim
- To ensure that all reported incidents of cyber bullying are investigated appropriately and that support is given to both victims and perpetrators
- To seek parental and peer-group support and cooperation at all times

Implementation:

Teachers, students, parents and the community will be made aware of the school's position on cyber bullying. Teachers will be regularly reminded of their duty of care regarding protection of students from all forms of bullying. There is no single solution to the problem of cyber bullying. Listed below are 5 areas that our school community needs to address together to put in place and maintain a comprehensive and effective prevention plan.

1. Understanding and talking about cyber bullying
2. Review and update existing policies and practices regularly
3. Make reporting cyber bullying easy for students
4. Promote the positive use of technology
5. Evaluate the impact of prevention activities

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review process.
This policy was ratified by School Council on the 25 th May 2015
The policy will be next reviewed 2018