



ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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Dear Families

Ref: Online safety and cyber bullying – Part 2

This letter is to follow up my first one sent earlier this week on the same topic.

If you missed the first letter, please note it is to be found on our Letters Home portal:
<http://www.abbotsleaschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Online-Safety-and-Cyber-Bullying-20.11.2023.pdf>

Whilst we will never cease to work to educate our students about online safety and conduct, we are unable to take responsibility for the online activity outside of school time.

I therefore write to make the protocol for dealing with bullying clear:

1. **If it happens at school** – the school will act to investigate the bullying, educate students and support repair of damaged relationships.
2. **If bullying happens outside of school (including online)** – the school will not act to investigate, but, if informed of this, we will help address the need for further education and support with the damage of the peer relationships.

The (undeniably difficult) task of monitoring children's online safety outside of school rests with the family and we are here to merely signpost to parental advice bodies/portals/sites.

In a situation where your child reports to you, or you intercept, inappropriate online content, you should block access, discuss it with your child and, in some situations, report it to the platform itself for their investigation, or consider reporting matters to the Police.

Police report is always appropriate if the bullying (online or otherwise) takes a form of harassment, hate crime or stalking.

If there is anything that we can do to support our families further, please contact our safeguarding team on st@abbotsleaschool.co.uk and we will approach it in a systematic manner across all age groups.

Yours sincerely

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