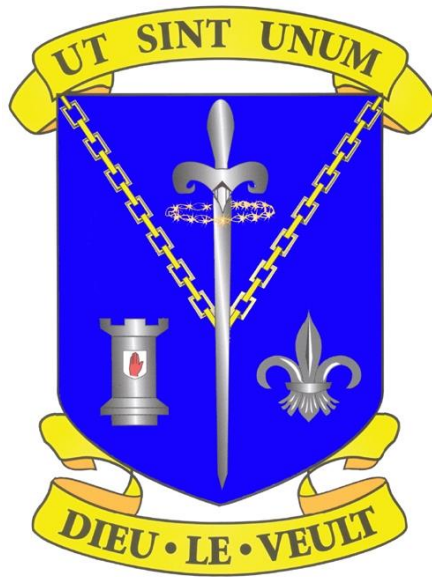


St Louis Grammar School



Anti Cyber-Bullying Policy

2024/2025

Date	Review Date	Coordinator	Nominated Governor
Sept 2020		Miss J Scullion	Mrs M Black

Cyber bullying is the use of a mobile phone or the internet to deliberately upset another person. It can occur through text, social media, forums, gaming or any platform where people can view, participate in or share information. We have a responsibility to ensure that cyber bullying does not take place in this school by ensuring pupils, school personnel and parents understand what it is and how it can be prevented.

We understand cyber bullying is highly intrusive and the hurt it causes can be very severe. As it leaves no physical scars cyber bullying is not easy to detect by a parent or a teacher.

We acknowledge cyber bullying can take place anywhere and can target pupils and school personnel. There are many types of cyber bullying such as text messages, picture/video clips, mobile phone calls, emails, chat room bullying, instant messaging and the use of websites to convey threats, intimidation, harassment etc.

We wish to work closely with the School Council and to hear their views and opinions as we acknowledge and support Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child that children should be encouraged to form and to express their views.

We as a school community have a commitment to promote equality. Therefore, an equality impact assessment has been undertaken and we believe this policy is in line with the Equality Act 2010.

As a school community, we wish to create a safe environment with an anti-bullying culture where the bullying of adults and young people is not tolerated in any form.

1. Aims

- To ensure pupils, school personnel and parents understand what cyber bullying is and how it can be prevented.
- To have in place procedures to prevent incidents of cyber bullying.
- To have in place effective procedures to deal with all reported incidents of cyber bullying.
- To work with other schools to share good practice in order to improve this policy.

2. Roles and responsibilities

2.1 Governing Body

The Governing Body has:

- delegated powers and responsibilities to the Principal to ensure all school personnel and visitors to the school are aware of and comply with this policy;
- responsibility for ensuring that the school complies with all equalities legislation;
- nominated a designated Equalities governor to ensure that appropriate action will be taken to deal with all prejudice related incidents or incidents which are a breach of this policy;

- responsibility for ensuring funding is in place to support this policy;
- responsibility for ensuring this policy and all policies are maintained and updated regularly;
- responsibility for ensuring all policies are made available to parents;
- the responsibility of involving the School Council in the development, approval, implementation and review of this policy;
- nominated a link governor to visit the school regularly, to liaise with the Principal and the coordinator and to report back to the Governing Body;
- responsibility for the effective implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this policy

2.2 Principal

The Principal will:

- ensure all school personnel, pupils and parents are aware of and comply with this policy;
- work closely with the ICT coordinator to review how the school network is monitored;
- ensure the Acceptable Use Policy outlines how the ICT suite and the Internet should be used;
- provide support for those pupils and school personnel who may be victims of cyber bullying;
- deal with all incidents of cyber bullying quickly and effectively;
- consider the use of legal powers under the Education Act 2006 that allow him/her to regulate behaviour of pupils when they are off-site;
- provide leadership and vision in respect of equality;
- provide guidance, support and training to all staff;
- monitor the effectiveness of this policy;
- annually report to the Governing Body on the success and development of this policy

2.3 Designated Safeguarding Lead

- ensure that any incidents of cyber bullying, both inside and outside of school, are dealt with immediately;
- ensure the Anti-Cyberbullying Policy is reviewed and kept up-to-date;
- ensure that all staff are aware they must report any incident of cyber bullying to the DSL;
- ensure that staff and parents/carers are aware of the Anti Cyber-Bullying Policy;

2.4 ICT Coordinator

The coordinator will:

- work closely with the Principal to ensure that:
 - the Acceptable Use of the Internet Policy is up to date
 - the school network is monitored
 - information is provided for pupils and parents
- provide guidance and support to all staff;
- ensure cyber bullying is discussed during staff meetings and inset days;
- ensure cyber bullying is discussed with pupils through class discussions;

- invite pupils to consider the effects of cyber bullying;
- help review anti-bullying and pupil behaviour and discipline policies;
- keep up to date with new developments and resources;
- review and monitor;
- annually report to the Governing Body on the success and development of this policy

2.5 Nominated Governor

The Nominated Governor will:

- work closely with the Principal and the coordinator;
- ensure this policy and other linked policies are up to date;
- ensure that everyone connected with the school is aware of this policy;
- report to the Governing Body every term;
- annually report to the Governing Body on the success and development of this policy

2.6 School Personnel

School personnel will:

- comply with all the afore mentioned aspects of this policy;
- be alert to the dangers of cyber bullying;
- report all incidents of cyber bullying to a member of the Senior Leadership Team;
- ensure that no pupil has unsupervised access to the Internet;
- regularly remind pupils of:
 - the safe use of the IT suite;
 - the Acceptable Use of the Internet Policy;
 - the need to report any incident of cyber bullying to a member of the school personnel;
- inform pupils of the dangers of cyber bullying through PSHE, collective worship, anti-bullying week activities etc.;
- be advised not to give their mobile phone numbers or email addresses to any pupil;
- be advised not to accept as a 'friend' any pupil on to their Face Book page;
- seek the views of pupils in monitoring and evaluating this policy;
- implement the school's equalities policy and schemes;
- report and deal with all incidents of discrimination;
- attend appropriate training sessions on equality;
- report any concerns they have on any aspect of the school community

2.7 Pupils

Pupils will:

- comply with all the afore mentioned aspects of this policy;
- sign an Acceptable Use of ICT contract;
- be encouraged to report all incidents of cyber bullying to a member of the school personnel;
- not bring mobile phones to school;
- listen carefully to all instructions given by the teacher;
- ask for further help if they do not understand;

- treat others, their work and equipment with respect;
- support the school Code of Conduct and guidance necessary to ensure the smooth running of the school;
- liaise with the school council;
- take part in questionnaires and surveys

2.8 School Council

The School Council will be involved in:

- determining this policy with the Governing Body;
- discussing improvements to this policy during the school year;
- organising surveys to gauge the thoughts of all pupils;
- reviewing the effectiveness of this policy with the Governing Body

2.9 Parents/Carers

Parents will:

- be made aware of this policy;
- comply with this policy;
- report all incidents of cyber bullying involving their child to the school;
- be asked to take part periodic surveys conducted by the school;
- support the school Code of Conduct and guidance necessary to ensure smooth running of the school

3. Recording and reporting

- All reported incidents are investigated and dealt with.
- Parents are informed of all events and what actions have been taken.
- Records will be kept of all incidents and their outcomes.

4. Dealing with Cyber Bullying Incidents

The Principal will:

- deal with all incidents of cyber bullying quickly and effectively;
- impose sanctions as outlined in the school's Behaviour policy on any pupil identified as being the bully;
- confiscate any mobile phone if brought to school;
- contact the police and social services if the cyber bullying is sufficiently severe;
- keep parents informed of the school's actions

5. Counselling and Support

- Counselling and support mechanisms are in place to help those who have been bullied.
- All perpetrators of bullying are given time to discuss why they have bullied and why their actions were wrong.

6. Raising Awareness of the Policy

We will raise awareness of this policy via:

- the School Prospectus
- the school website
- the Staff Handbook
- meetings with parents such as introductory, transition, parent-teacher consultations and periodic curriculum workshops
- school events
- meetings with school personnel
- communications with home such as weekly newsletters and of end of half term newsletters
- reports such annual report to parents and Principal reports to the Governing Body
- information displays in the main school entrance

7. Training

We ensure all school personnel have equal chances of training, career development and promotion.

Periodic training will be organised for all school personnel so that they are kept up to date with new information and guide lines concerning equal opportunities.

8. Equality Impact Assessment

Under the Equality Act 2010 we have a duty not to discriminate against people on the basis of their age, disability, gender, gender identity, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation.

This policy has been equality impact assessed and we believe that it is in line with the Equality Act 2010 as it is fair, it does not prioritise or disadvantage any pupil and it helps to promote equality at this school.

9. Monitoring Effectiveness of the Policy

The practical application of this policy will be reviewed annually or when the need arises by the coordinator, the Principal and the nominated governor.

A statement of the policy's effectiveness and the necessary recommendations for improvement will be presented to the Governing Body for further discussion and endorsement. (See Policy Evaluation)

10. Links with other policies

- E-Safety Policy
- Child protection policy
- ICT Policy

- Acceptable use of the Internet policy
- Online safety policy
- Safe guarding policy
- GDPR Guidance

Principal:	Mr. S. Rafferty	Date:	
Chair of Governing Body:	Mr. J. Stuart	Date:	

