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CYBER-BULLYING

The misuse of student's mobile phones for inappropriate text messages and videos along with the msn computer messaging service and other social networking sites is becoming a great concern. It has highlighted an urgent need for a consistent and united approach from school and home to effectively monitor and eradicate their misuse.

Cyber Bullying appears to be on the increase and although we as a school are doing our utmost to intervene, however we do need the support of parents / carers. We feel that it is **vital** that all parents / carers play an active role in the supervision of their child's appropriate internet and mobile phone use.

Cyber Bullying is by law an offence and prosecution may occur. As a school we reinforce our students to save and download all text, videos and msn intimidating messages as these can be presented as evidence to the Police should the need arise.

In order to reinforce a consistent approach and with the aim of monitoring and eradicating the issues raised, we would strongly suggest that any received threats of intimidation encountered through these systems be saved, downloaded and forwarded to your local Police. The Police have the available technology to trace the source of the messages and will then be able to take appropriate action on your behalf. We shall do this with all messages we find on intervention.

I am confident that by working together in partnership we will eradicate the misuse of these systems and allow them to be enjoyed in the way they were designed to be.

If you have any further enquiries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact Student Services at the College.

