United Against Bullying School Case Study: Putting in place online bullying prevention strategies

How St Albans Girls' School updated their anti-bullying policy to include prevention strategies that include online safety

Context of our anti-bullying work

Continual review and update of the schools anti-bullying policy to ensure transparency as well as a clear outline of prevention and typical response strategies.

What we hoped to achieve

Clear and consistent approaches and transparency for all stakeholders.

The action we took

We reviewed the anti-bullying policy which is to be shared on the school website for pupils, parents and the wider community. Updates included:

- Explicit mention of parent responsibilities in keeping children safe through parental controls and ongoing monitoring of the apps and websites that their child is using
- Reminding parents to use the report remove Childline website https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/report-remove/
- Direct links between the curriculum and prevention of bullying i.e. lessons within PSHE that promote and celebrate differences and being yourself as well as the resilience programme delivered in year 7.

Impact and outcomes of the work

Moving forward, we plan to continue to grow the promotion and awareness of the anti-bullying form captains as well as planning for termly assemblies led by the captains to continually remind pupils of our STOP charter and how to report bullying.

What we have learned

To engage parents more by informing them of ways they can keep their child safe online while at home. This includes research into outsourcing through an online safety provider such as Smoothwall.