

United Against Bullying School Case Study: Educating pupils, parents and staff on cyber safety

How [school] educated pupils, parents and staff on cyber safety

Context of our anti-bullying work

Some of the older children in school have been interacting over Whatsapp and a number of parents have reported that the way in which they are speaking to each other is not always kind.

What we hoped to achieve

Children to have a better awareness of cyber safety

Children to know how to interact with their peers using a variety of platforms but without displaying bullying behaviours

Parents to feel empowered to help to protect their children online

The action we took

We invited the PCSO into school to deliver cyber safety workshops for KS2.

This was followed up with additional PSHE sessions.

All staff had a training session from the PCSO to update us on current priorities regarding cyber safety.

Parents were invited to a Cyber Safety talk also (letter attached). We had 30 parents attend the meeting. Parents were also given recommendations of websites they could go to for information.

Impact and outcomes of the work

Parents are now more able to speak to their children about their use of social media and have a better understanding of how they can support the children.

The number of incidents being reported to school involving Whatsapp or social media has significantly reduced.

What we have learned

This was a particularly powerful piece of work as it involved staff, pupils, parents and an outside specialist enabling us all to work together and to hear the same messages. I would look to use this approach wherever possible.