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Dear Parent/Carer

Malicious Communication Act / Online Bullying

Please see information below shared with us by the Stay Safe Partnership regarding concerns around online bullying to share with your child.

PARENT INFORMATION:

Over the last few years, we have seen a rise in children and young people receiving a criminal record for Malicious Communications due to their online interactions with others. Children may not understand the impact of the things they are saying online or that they could face legal repercussions. Malicious communication is the act of sending messages, pictures and, or videos with the intention of causing distress or anxiety to another person. Some examples of malicious communication include:

- threats - verbal or written threats of violence or harm to someone or their property
- harassment - repeatedly sending messages that are insulting, offensive or upsetting
- offensive messages - sending messages that are sexually suggestive, extremely rude or discriminatory
- inappropriate images - sharing embarrassing photos or videos of another individual without their consent
- false information - knowingly spreading false information about someone with the intent to cause them harm or distress. Pretending to be someone else to trick someone

We have attached a [factsheet with more information for parents](#).

More information can also be found here [Malicious communication - Stay Safe Partnership – Lincolnshire County Council](#) and a link to our video to inform about what it is and how to respond can be found here: [Stay Safe Talks - Malicious Communications](#). Please feel free to share on Social Media networks and through Parent Mail systems.

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Our Key Values: Commitment to Achieve, Caring, Respect, Co-operation, Happiness, Independence

