

Corrie Primary and Nursery School Social Media Policy

With the increase use of social media it is important to ensure wherever possible, that all staff and pupils of Corrie Primary and Nursery School are protected against becoming the targets of cyber abuse/bullying.

Cyber abuse/bullying may consist of threats, harassment, embarrassment, humiliation, defamation or impersonation. It may take the form of general insults, or prejudice based abuse (e.g. homophobic, sexist, racist or other forms of discrimination). It may involve email, chat rooms, websites, social media networks etc.

This policy is to make pupils/parents and carers aware of their responsibilities regarding their use of social media, email, chat rooms, websites etc.

1. Pupils/Parents/Carers are not expected to post pictures of pupils other than their own children on social media sites.
2. Pupils/Parents/Carers should make complaints through official school channels rather than posting them on social media sites.
3. Pupils/Parents/Carers should not post malicious or fictitious comments on social media sites about any member of the school community.
4. Pupils/Parents/Carers should not make abusive or threatening comments, harassment, and embarrassment, on social media sites about any member of the school community.

Parents/Carers should note that if a Pupil/Parent/Carer is found to have posted abusive, threatening, libellous and/or defamatory comments on social media sites, they will be reported to the website host. The school expects the person who posted the comment to remove the comments immediately. In serious cases, the school will consider its legal options.

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