

## **IJPS ANTI- CYBERBULLYING POLICY**

**2019-2020**

### **RATIONALE:**

We value the importance of technology in everyone's lives, both educationally and socially. Staff and Administrators are committed to helping all members of the school to understand the benefits and the risks of using technology platforms and media, as well as to equip students with enough knowledge and skills to be able to use technology safely and responsibly.



Cyberbullying involves the use of information and communication technologies to support deliberate, repeated, and hostile behaviour by an individual or group that is intended to harm others. It can involve Social Networking Sites, emails and mobile phones used for SMS messages and as other forms.

Cyberbullying is never acceptable, like all other forms of bullying, it should be taken very seriously.

### **OBJECTIVES:**

This policy aims to:

- safeguard the pupils in the real and virtual world
- educate students to understand cyberbullying and its consequences
- place awareness, policies and procedures to prevent incidents of cyberbullying in school or in the school community
- have effective measures in dealing cases of cyberbullying effectively
- monitor reliability of prevention measures



## IJPS PROCEDURE:



- -Yearly Student Orientation and Workshops
- -Sign and follow the “Student Technology Use Agreement”.
- -There are “Key Persons” responsible in reporting any case of cyber-bullying, harassment or misuse of technology that they know about or suspect.
- **Key persons: Class/ Subject Teacher, Miss Deanne ([deanne.solis@ijps.ae](mailto:deanne.solis@ijps.ae)) and Ms. Hiba ([hiba.sandouqa@ijps.ae](mailto:hiba.sandouqa@ijps.ae))**
- -School Administration follows protocols in responding to reports of cyber-bullying or harassment.
- -Students are only allowed to use devices connected to the internet with permission from a teacher.
- -School Administration will take action against those who take part in cyber-bullying in line with the guidelines of the Child Protection Policy.
- -School Administration will take action when necessary to prevent students from misusing equipment. (confiscation of devices, suspension or expulsion)
- -Students are encouraged to report any suspicions of cyberbullying and have access to the school counsellor.
- -Support is offered to victims of cyberbullying including counselling, emotional support, and reassurance.
- -Sanctions will be issued in line with our Child Protection Policy and Anti Bullying Policy





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