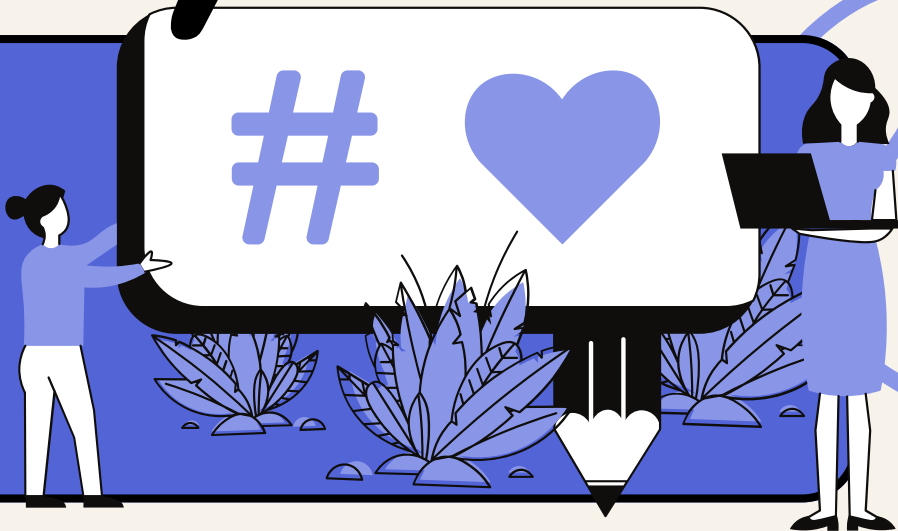


Year 8



Online Safety

Your children have received a visit from the Stay Safe Partnership today, who have spoken to them about online bullying and the laws related to malicious communications. Here is some of the information we have shared with them



What is bullying

In Lincolnshire, we define bullying as: “..a behaviour by an individual or group, usually repeated over time, which intentionally hurts another individual or group either physically or emotionally.”

As part of a yearly survey - the Keeping Safe Survey - we know that 1 in 5 secondary students in Lincolnshire have experienced online bullying



Malicious Communications

Many users sometimes think that the way we are allowed to behave online differs from our real world behaviour - as a result, many individuals are being prosecuted under the Malicious Communications Act.

It's vital we discuss with our children what is acceptable and unacceptable behaviour, and how they would feel if what they said online was seen by teachers, parents, carers or the police.

Tips to manage online abusive behaviour

- Don't respond
- Save the evidence
- Block and Report
- Talk to an adult you trust

To learn more about parental controls and supporting your children online visit:

[internet matters.org](https://www.internetmatters.org)

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