



# St. Columba's Catholic Primary School

## Anti-Cyber Bullying Policy

### **Introduction**

At St Columba's Catholic Primary School, cyber bullying is defined as the use of a mobile phone or the internet to deliberately bully another person. We have a responsibility to ensure that cyber bullying does not take place in this school by ensuring pupils, school personnel and parents understand what it is and how it can be prevented.

### **What we understand as Cyber Bullying**

We understand cyber bullying is highly intrusive and the hurt it causes can be very severe. As it leaves no physical scars cyber bullying is not easy to detect by a parent or a teacher. We acknowledge cyber bullying can take place anywhere and can target pupils and school personnel.

There are many types of cyber bullying such as text messages, picture/video clips, mobile phone calls, emails, chat room bullying, instant messaging and the use of websites to convey threats, intimidation, harassment etc.

We wish to work closely with the School Council and to hear their views and opinions as we acknowledge and support Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child that children should be encouraged to form and to express their views.

### **Aims;**

- To ensure pupils, school personnel and parents understand what cyber bullying is and how it can be prevented.
- To have in place procedures to prevent incidents of cyber bullying.
- To have in place effective procedures to deal with all reported incidents of cyber bullying.

### **Role of the Governing Body**

The Governing Body has delegated powers and responsibilities to the Headteacher to:

- ensure all school personnel and visitors to the school are aware of and comply with this policy;
- have responsibility for ensuring funding is in place to support this policy;
- have responsibility for ensuring policies are made available to parents;
- have nominated a link governor to visit the school regularly, to liaise with the coordinator and to report back to the Governing Body
- have responsibility for the effective implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this policy.

Policy agreed by Governors on	January 2015
Signature of Chair of Governors	<i>Mrs J Sims</i>
Signature of Head Teacher	<i>Miss M Evans</i>
Date to be reviewed	January 2016