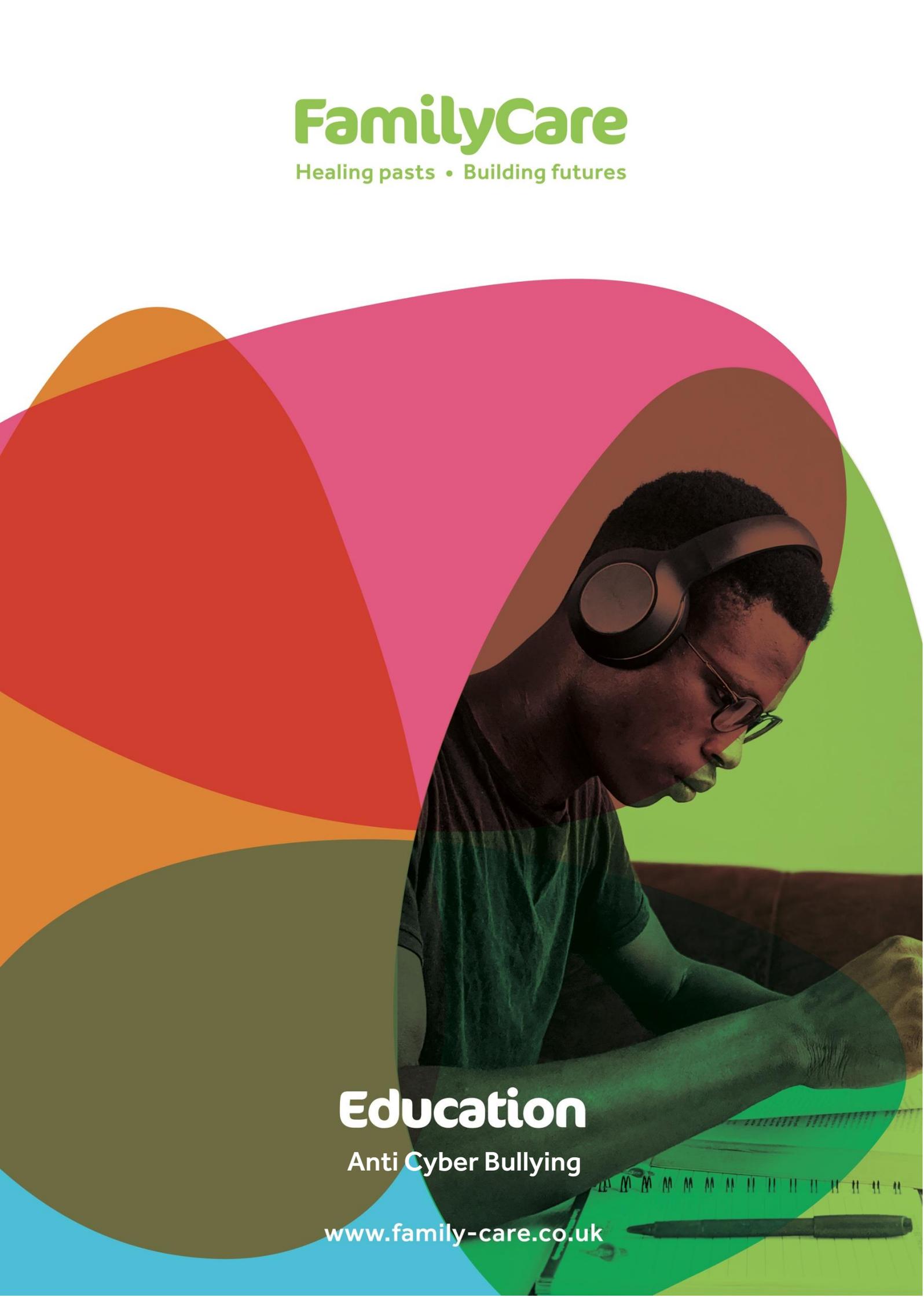


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# Anti Cyber Bullying Policy

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Access School believes that all young people and staff have a right to teach and learn in a supportive, caring and safe environment without fear of being bullied. We believe that every person in school has a duty to report an incident of bullying whether it happens to themselves or another person.

## What is cyber bullying?

- Text messages that are threatening or cause discomfort. Also sending of anonymous text messages over short distances using 'blue tooth'
- Picture/video clips to make the victim feel threatened or embarrassed
- Mobile phone calls, silent calls or abusive messages, or stealing the victims phone and using it to harass others to make them believe that the victim is responsible
- Emails - threatening/bullying emails
- Chat room bullying, menacing or upsetting responses to children or young people when they are on a web based chat room
- Instant messaging (IM), MSM (Microsoft Messenger) or Yahoo Chat, although there are others
- Bullying through websites, e.g. social network sites

At Access School we take this bullying very seriously and we will deal with all situations individually. This may result in a sanction within school or in parents/carers involvement. Clearly more serious cases result in more serious consequences such as police involvement.

Cyber bullying can be unknown and technology allows it to happen 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It leaves no physical scars but is highly intrusive and the hurt it causes can be very severe.

## At Access School we are taught:

- To understand the dangers of technology therefore mobile phones are banned in school and all social networking sites are blocked
- We teach them that if they are being cyber bullied they can talk to the school, parents/carers, police, mobile phone networks and internet service providers to do something about it

Access School treats cyber bullying with serious concern and will not be tolerated. All actions will be taken to prevent this from happening.