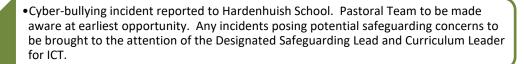
Hardenhuish School Cyberbullying Protocol

At Hardenhuish we take any incidents of cyberbullying very seriously and seek to work with pupils and parents to ensure the young people in our care are supported in responding to any inappropriate contact.

The Hardenhuish School mobile phone policy states that pupils should have their phones switched off and in their bags between 8.25 am and 3 pm, unless they are required for an educational purpose in a lesson. As a result, incidents of cyberbullying which take place outside of these hours should be reported to the police.

Our procedure for supporting our pupils and working in partnership with the Police to resolve cyberbullying incidents is as follows:



- Pupils advised to report the incident to their parents and the Police Community Support Team (101).
- Parents contacted to ensure that incident has been reported and to ensure a joined-up approach.
- Hardenhuish School to support Police in their investigation as required e.g. speaking with individuals, groups and providing pupil details.
- Hardenhuish School staff to maintain communication with parents and Police throughout their investigations. Staff will also offer ongoing support to pupils perceived to be the victim of cyberbullying.
- Any incidents of cyberbullying to be followed-up with messages through planned programme in ICT, PSRE and other lessons, assemblies and Successful Lives. This will reinforce our existing cyberbullying code of conduct. Where appropriate, parents will be contacted with general messages about online safety as a follow up to the incident.