



Prem Whole School Cyberbullying Agreement

Vision Statement

"Educating global citizens who strive for excellence, live sustainably, lead responsibly, celebrate diversity, and whose integrity champions a just and more peaceful world"

Mission Statement

"We are a community that challenges its members to act as compassionate, knowledgeable and principled global citizens: working together for a sustainable future and inspired by meaningful relationships, continuous learning and "good thinking".

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Prevention of Cyberbullying

The intention of this agreement is to help students protect themselves from cyberbullying and to give advice about how to report it if it does happen.

1. Prem Cyberbullying Agreement

Cyberbullying refers to bullying which takes place using electronic technology. Such technologies may involve (but are not limited to):

- Mobile phones
- Chat rooms / message boards
- Instant Messaging and Voice over Internet Protocols
- Webcam
- Social networking sites
- Video hosting sites
- Gaming sites / virtual worlds
- Blogs / wikis

Cyberbullying generally takes a psychological form (rather than physical).

2. Student action required

If a student receives an abusive email, text (or any other form of unacceptable communication), he/she should report the matter to a member of staff as soon as possible. Where possible, the student should save the message in its original format to be used as reference.

The staff member may initially address the issue, but should the incident be deemed more serious, advice from the respective Principal/Director of Boarding and/or Whole School Counsellor should be sought as soon as possible.

Students involved will be interviewed in an effort to establish the truth, but the investigation may also involve the Director of IT who may have access to electronic records and logs. In all instances, student privacy will be respected by all staff members during the investigation.

In extreme cases, external agencies and/or the police may be notified and included in the investigation.

2.1 Report any incidents of cyberbullying

It is your right not to be harassed or bullied online. These are the people who can help you:

- Any teacher
- Your homeroom teacher
- The child protection officer
- The counsellors
- The Director of IT
- Your respective Principal
- The Director of Boarding

Remember that any conversation you have, and that any messages you share with your teachers will remain confidential. Prem takes cyberbullying very seriously and any reports will be followed up with a full investigation.

After the investigation has been satisfactorily concluded, the outcome will be communicated to staff, pupils, and parents involved. The misdemeanour may have a consequence (listed below).

2.2 Misdemeanours and consequences

The misdemeanours and consequences can be found in **section 4** of the Whole School Behaviour Policy.

<https://ptis.ac.th/parent/senior>

3. Knowing what to do

3.1 Respect other people

When sending a message or email to someone, it is difficult to know the impact that your words may have on the person receiving the message. Always show respect to others, consider the implications of sending something that you think might be a joke. Never take a photo unless you have permission from the other person. If you receive a nasty message or picture, do not forward it. You could be helping the bully and might even be accused of cyberbullying yourself.

3.2 Think before you send

Think before you post any images or messages about yourself or someone else online.

Anything you send can be circulated very quickly and in the future, your parents, teachers, friends, or even future employers might be able to access what you posted.

3.3 Secure your privacy

Make sure you use strong passwords (eg, StroNg@20i7) not obvious passwords (eg, your name). Make sure you do not share your passwords with anyone else and change immediately if you think someone knows your password. Never post your mobile number and address on any profiles. Only give your mobile number to friends you trust.

3.4 Block negative behaviour

Most services and sites allow you to block or report someone who might be behaving badly. Block/report them immediately you suspect inappropriate behaviour.

3.5 Do not retaliate or reply

Even if you feel upset or angry, do not reply to any messages. This could quickly make matters worse.

3.6 Save negative messages or images

It is important to keep any messages or images you might have received. Even though they might make you feel upset or angry, they will help your teachers to know what is happening. A screenshot of a conversation(s) is probably the easiest way to submit messages or images, and this can be used in a review of the problem.

4. References

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