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Cyberbullying and Social Media

Cyberbullying includes the transmission of harassing communication, direct threats, or other harmful texts, sounds, videos, or images on the Internet, social media, or other technologies using a telephone, computer, or any wireless communication device. Cyberbullying also includes breaking into another person's electronic account and assuming that person's identity in order to damage that person's reputation.

The Charter School has procedures governing identification, prevention, and consequences of cyberbullying, and how the Charter School educates and trains students and staff about these important issues. These procedures can be found within the Harassment, Intimidation, Discrimination and Bullying Policy, which is available on the school website. If you or someone you know is experiencing cyberbullying, please reach out to the Head of School.

The following are potential websites, peer-to-peer instant message services, image/video posting platforms, and comment forums where cyberbullying can, and do, occur. Please note this is not an exhaustive list.

- **Amino:** An app that lets users join online communities, chats, forums, and groups on a variety of topics based on their interests.
- **Askfm:** A social networking site that allows users to ask other people questions, often anonymously.
- **Calculator%:** A "vault" or secret app that appears harmless, but hides photos, videos, files, and browser history.
- **Chatroulette:** There are over 20 different chat roulette sites that allow users to instantly connect via webcam and video chat. Sites typically pair the users randomly and instantly.
- **Discord:** A voice-over-IP (VOIP) app that allows users to video chat with others, private message, and join, create, or participate in public and private chat rooms. This app is often used by players to chat with each other while playing videogames.
- **Facebook and Facebook Live:** The most commonly used social media site that is accessible on many different media platforms.
- **Facebook Messenger Kids:** A messaging app and platform for children.
- **Houseparty:** A group video chat and social networking app that allows up to eight people to video chat at once in a "room."
- **Instagram:** A photo and video sharing and networking site that connects users through other social networking sites (e.g., Facebook).
- **Kik:** Messaging app that allows users of all ages to contact others anonymously.
- **Line:** A messaging app that allows users to make free phone calls, leave voice messages, and text. Users can delete texts or chats from recipient's phone using a timer.



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- **LiveMe:** A tool to broadcast live-streaming videos and watch other users' videos.
- **MeetMe:** A dating app that connects users to others based on geographic proximity.
- **Omegle:** An app that pairs users with strangers in anonymous one-on-one chat sessions.
- **Reddit:** A site that stores social news, rates and evaluates web content, and discussion threads.
- **Roblox:** An online game platform with free multiplayer games created by users. Roblox allows users to communicate with each other and join groups.
- **Sarahah:** An anonymous messaging app that allows users to send anonymous messages to people they may know.
- **Snapchat:** A photo messaging app that allows for sharing pictures and short videos that are intended to be erased shortly after delivery.
- **Telegram:** Messaging app that allows users to share photos, videos, and files; make calls, and delete texts or chats from recipient's phone using a timer.
- **TikTok:** An app that allows users to create and share their own videos where they lip-synch, sing, dance, or just talk.
- **Tumblr:** A social networking site that allows posting of short blogs and media.
- **Twitch:** A live stream platform for gamers to watch live stream content, chat, and connect
- **VSCO:** A photography app to capture and edit photos.
- **WeChat:** An app that allows users to chat with friends, and to search for people nearby and around the globe.
- **WhatsApp:** A private messaging app that allows users to text, send photos, videos, and location information to their contacts.
- **Whisper:** An anonymous social media site that allows users to post and share photo and video messages.
- **X (formerly known as Twitter):** A microblogging site that allows users to send, read, and reply to "tweets" or short messages.
- **YouTube:** A video sharing platform that allows users to post and share videos.
- **YUBO (formerly YELLOW):** An app referred to as the "Tinder for teens" that allows users to swipe right or left to accept or reject the profiles of other users.
- **YouNow:** Broadcast, Chat, and Watch Live Video: An app that lets teens broadcast themselves live. They can see and respond to live chat or view other broadcasters and chat with them.