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## RESPECT in the Cyber World



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In schools across Northern Ireland the children are being taught that bullying is not a nice thing to do. They are being taught a definition for Bullying by the Northern Ireland Anti-Bullying Forum "as the repeated use of power by one or more persons intentionally to hurt, harm or adversely affect the rights and needs of another or others".

They are being taught what they should do if they are being bullied or if they see someone being bullied either in the real or online world. Statistics show that 1 in 4 children have come across hate messages online and 1 in 8 have been bullied on social media.

This week is Anti-Bullying Week.

This shows just how serious bullying is in today's world.

So what is the moral of this report. Well if you are bullying you need to stop bullying others and you need to think about the consequences. The police may well get involved and you will be in deep trouble.

Cyber bullying is an increasing problem in today's society. It could be a case of getting hurt and being bullied behind someone's back or people saying mean things or creating fake online profiles in order to hurt someone else.

Respect is the theme schools are taking this week. Respect needs to be shown to others in the real and the online world as online no one knows who or from what country people could be looking at what you say or do online. This can be very serious and may involve the police.

So the moral of this story is Never to Bully anyone else and to always show respect both on and off line.

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