

# Merchant Taylors' School





9. All teachers and pupils are aware of these procedures and that in these situations the School reserves to right to search drives, confiscate mobile devices, and obtain access to online storage and accounts. Pupils, parents and staff should be aware of the need to preserve evidence and records of abuse (e g Saving screenshots of messages or web-pages, retention of emails, recording dates and times etc...)

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app is monitored by the Pastoral team and all reports made on the app are recorded on CPOMS and investigated by the appropriate staff.

Pupils at MTS are given age-appropriate advice through forums such as PSHE lessons, tutorial

initiatives like Anti-bullying Week, E-safety days involving both pupils and parents, Safer Internet Day and through the wider curriculum. Pupils are encouraged to be ambassadors of best E-safety practice and to support each other in matters of cyber bullying, particularly those that extend outside the confines beyond the School setting. Anti-cyber bullying resources are available on the School Intranet.

In addition, the School has in place specific procedures to tackle cyber bullying:

- At MTS the IT department uses secure connections, Sophos UTM filtering, firewall, management, anti-spyware software, Impero network monitoring software (Senso), anti-virus software, and corporate incident reporting procedures to safeguard the pupils.
- At MTP the IT department uses secure connections, EXA Surf Protect Internet filtering, firewall, management, anti-spyware software, NetSupport network monitoring software, anti-virus software, and corporate incident reporting procedures to safeguard the pupils.
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## **Appendix 1 - Cyber Bullying: Legal powers and responsibilities**

- Although cyber bullying is not a specific criminal offence, there are criminal laws that can apply in terms of harassment as well as threatening and menacing communications. The