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Introduction

At The British School of Monaco, we believe that coherent policies and procedures must be in place to ensure appropriate action is taken to safeguard students and promote their welfare.

Cyber-bullying is the use of any device/the internet to deliberately upset another person by spreading lies and rumours online; by sending or forwarding mean or hurtful messages via instant messages, text or on social networks; by posting photographs without consent and by tricking others to reveal personal information. Cyber-bullying can happen at any time of the day and is, in most cases, anonymous and difficult to monitor.

The British School of Monaco has a responsibility to ensure that cyber-bullying does not take place in this school by ensuring students, school personnel and parents understand what it is and how it can be prevented.

The British School of Monaco understands cyber-bullying is highly intrusive and the hurt it causes can be very severe. As it leaves no physical scars, cyber-bullying is not easy to detect by a parent or a teacher.

The British School of Monaco acknowledges cyber-bullying can take place anywhere and can target students and school personnel. There are many types of cyber-bullying, including but not limited to:

Texting Sending abusive, nasty or threatening text messages to someone is a type of bullying. This could include sharing those texts with other people who might join in the bullying.

Social Networking sites Social networks such Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, Instagram, YouTube, TikTok, and many more, can be used in lots of different ways to bully someone.

Sexting	<u>Sexting</u> is when someone takes a sexually explicit picture or video of themselves and then sends it to someone else. Sometimes people who are trying to bully someone may ask for these kinds of images so they can send them on to other people.
Online gaming	Being abusive towards someone or harassing them on an <u>online multiplayer gaming site</u> like Minecraft or Call of Duty is also a kind of online bullying. People may also steal or destroy your belongings or creations in games.
Emailing	Sending abusive emails is a type of bullying. Sometimes those emails might be shared with other people who could join in the bullying. Sending computer viruses or hurtful videos and pictures by email is also online bullying.
Abusive personal info	Sometimes people involved in bullying might post someone else's photos or personal information without that person's permission. This could include pretending to be someone else and writing fake comments or blogs.
Instant messaging (IM) and chat rooms	Sometimes people might get nasty messages when they are using instant messaging or chat rooms. Sending those types of messages using someone else's account without their permission is also online bullying.
Online grooming	This could be, for example, if someone is threatening to share a private or naked photo online.

The British School of Monaco has a duty of care to protect all students and school personnel from cyber-bullying as part of our responsibility to provide a safe, secure, caring and friendly school environment for

all the students in order to protect them from those who wish to deliberately hurt them emotionally. We believe all our safeguarding procedures are in line with current legislation and guidance and that we promote the welfare of all students in our care and school personnel.

The British School of Monaco works hard to prevent all forms of bullying from happening and to support students who have been bullied by having in place resilience processes in order to help their recovery. We will provide counselling and engage with parents. All support will be reviewed and improved if necessary. It is very important to work with parents and to keep them well informed at all stages.

The British School of Monaco acknowledges and supports Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in that students should be encouraged to form and to express their views. We also acknowledge that schools in the United Kingdom have the power under the Education Act 2011 to examine the data or files of a mobile phone confiscated from a student, and if the material breaches school discipline, then the material may be deleted. The British School of Monaco will observe local law in this respect. However, a mobile phone containing material suspected to be evidence relevant to an offence or is a pornographic image of a student or an extreme pornographic image will be handed to the police.

‘Bullying Hotline’

In January 2024 the Monégasque government introduced a ‘Bullying Hotline’ which is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to enable the reporting of bullying. The number is **98989696**.

“The implementation of the hotline complements the numerous tools already implemented to deal with and put an end to situations of harassment at school, in accordance with the provisions of the Law No. 1.513 of December 3, 2021, relating to the fight against harassment and violence in school.”

For further information:

The reference law:

<https://journaldemonaco.gouv.mc/Journaux/2021/Journal-8569/Loi-n-1.513-du-3-decembre-2021-relative-a-la-lutte-contre-le-harcelement-et-la-violence-en-milieu-scolaire>

- Government websites on bullying:

- <https://www.gouv.mc/Action-Gouvernementale/La-Jeunesse/Lutte-contre-le-harcelement-et-la-violence-en-milieu-scolaire>

- <https://monservicepublic.gouv.mc/thematiques/education/vie-scolaire/le-harcelement-en-milieu-scolaire>

Local officials at the Direction de l'Education Nationale, de la Jeunesse et des Sports who may be contacted should you have any questions over the new government procedures are Mme. Delphine Constantini and M. Nicolas Rodier at denjsviolence@gouv.mc

An English translation of the new law may be found in Staffshare at:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1c49EhQ8dpXpWx64X6hJvUKwxfmLLtpMn/edit?usp=drive_web&oid=105803963144183501548&rtpof=true

Monitoring the Effectiveness of the Policy

This policy will be reviewed according to the school's policy review schedule or when the need arises by relevant staff, the Principal and the Governing Body, taking account of students' opinions and concerns, and parental views, where appropriate.

The British School of Monaco is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers and other third parties to share this commitment.