

The Littlehampton Academy

Preventing bullying on Facebook (and other social networking sites)



- If you're under 13, you're not permitted to join Facebook and, if you're older, parents are asked to supervise you. This is because, if you join up, you're inviting total strangers into your life.
- If you get unwelcome contact or harassment from people you've fallen out with then tell them to stop and let an adult know.
- You should also block these people by using the 'Block People' box on the 'My Privacy' page so they can't see your profile.
- It's important to limit how much people see about you by setting up a 'Limited Profile' using the links on the 'My Privacy' page. NEVER give personal contact details.
- If people make offensive postings about you, use the 'Report' link to make a complaint. You can also email abuse@facebook.com.
- Facebook promises to investigate, remove the content and warn the offender. If you email Facebook you should get a reply within 72 hours.
- If you're unhappy about the way Facebook deals with your complaint, you can go to the Independent Safety & Security Examiner in America (Facebook is an American company) at <http://www.krollisse.com/>.
- If you ever come across a situation where people are making suggestions which make you feel upset or uncomfortable, tell your family.
- CEOP (The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre) investigates grooming on the Internet. This is when adults try to make friends with you and involve you in inappropriate activities. You can report incidents by clicking on the red button on the top right-hand corner of the CEOP website (www.ceop.gov.uk).