

# Teachers' Guide to Internet Use

**To make a difference we must create a change of mindset amongst young people when using technology - we do this through education**

## Teachers...

- Instil the mindset that we don't have a cyber world and a physical world - it's the one world as we are dealing with real people, we're just dealing with them through a different medium. The same rules, laws and expectations apply
- Encourage children to use technology in a balanced and productive way
- Discuss, encourage and enforce school acceptable user policies
- Educate youth to discuss online issues in a real world environment
- When dealing with online issues it's about people, not technology
- Work as a community (youth, parents, teachers) to create a positive online environment for all
- Avoid overcomplicating cyber safety and cyber bullying education
- Change is made through simple, ongoing, multifaceted and consistent education
- Deal with online issues as seriously as we deal with real world issues



**We can't stop young people typing keys outside the school environment but we can educate them to make sound choices**

### What about me?

1. As a teacher I have the same online rights that I have in the physical world
2. I expect to be treated online as I expect to be treated in the real world
3. Never question myself if others use technology against me, speak out
4. If communicating with students digitally ask myself "what is the educational purpose?"
5. Keep records where necessary
6. Keep in mind my professional persona when posting or communicating within my private online world
7. Avoid acronyms or abbreviations when dealing with students online, make communication clear
8. Understand and follow my workplace policies and procedures



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