Parents Evening Presentation

CYBERBULLYING

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The Digital World

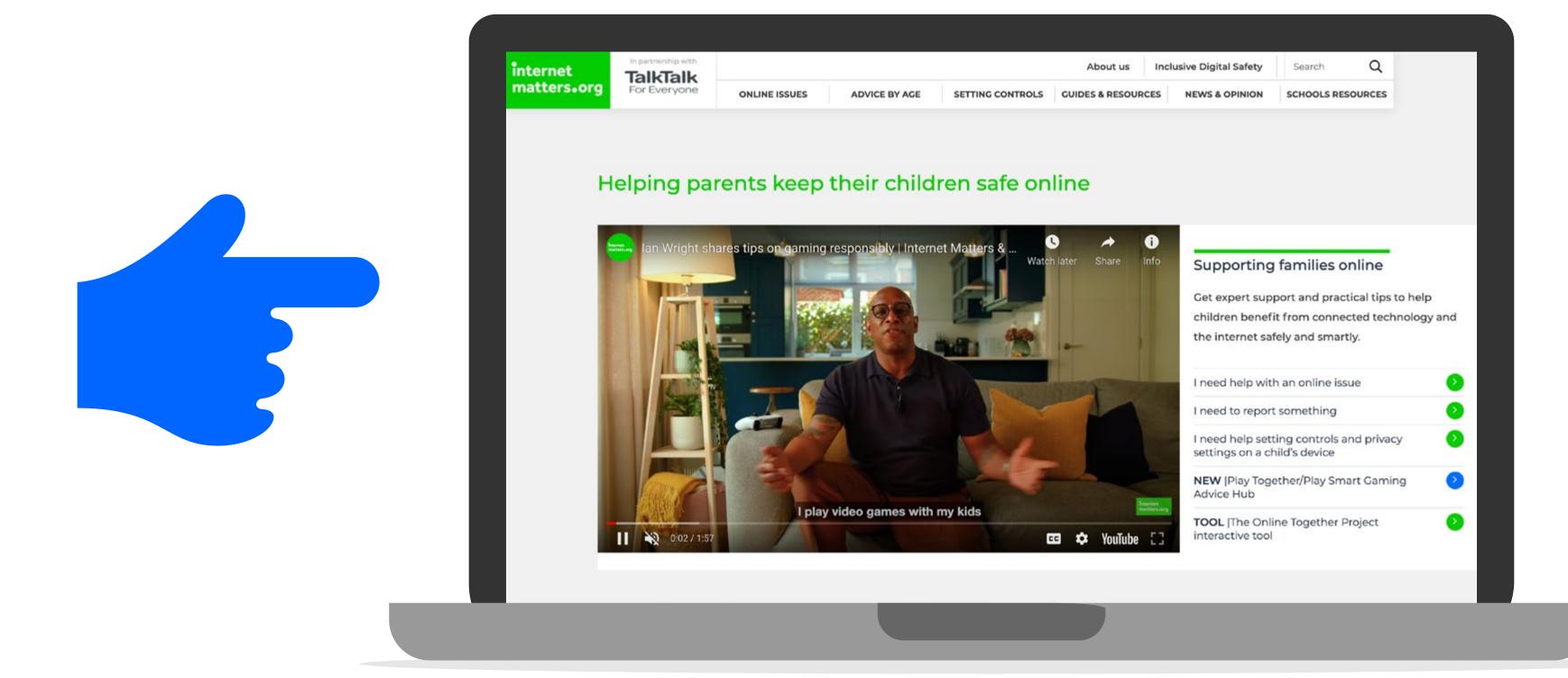
Dealing with cyberbullying

What is cyberbullying?

Final thoughts



Introduction to Internet Matters



The digital world

The internet is great







Social



Express individuality

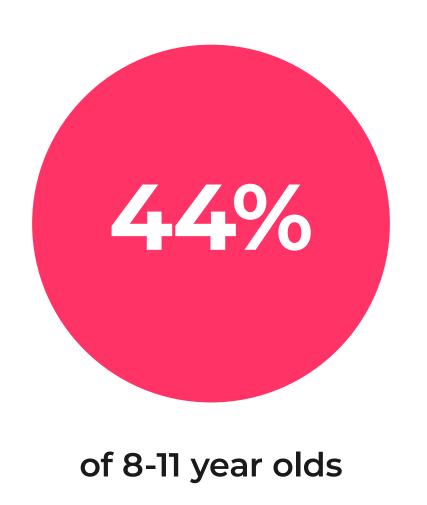


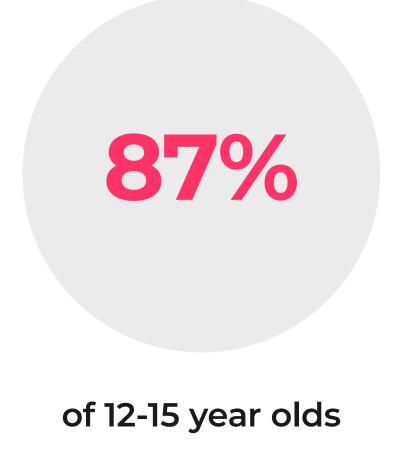
New skills



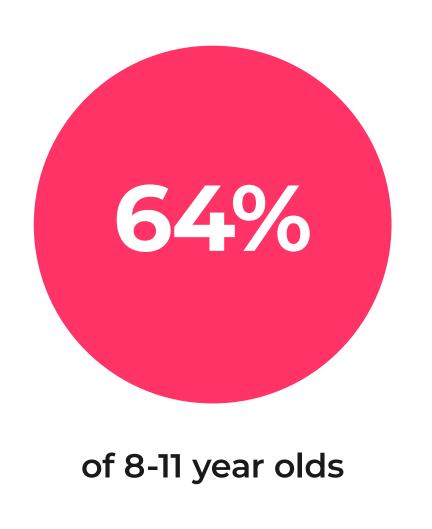
Social media is their online playground

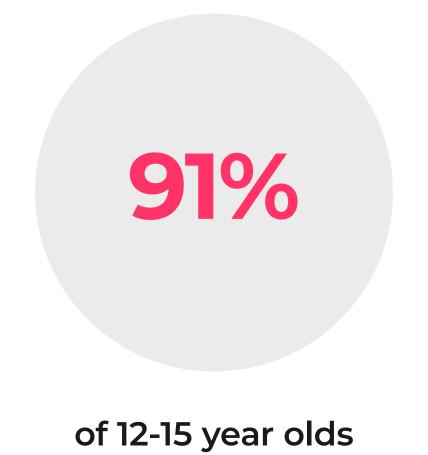
Percentage of children using social media





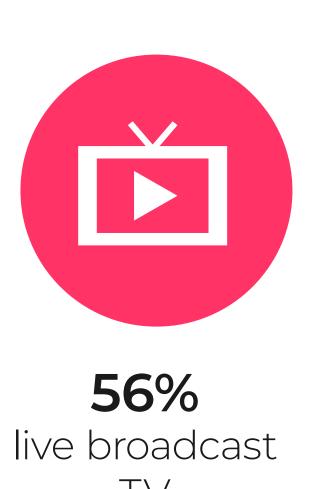
Percentage of children using chat/messaging apps/sites







How children aged 5-15 are using the internet









TV

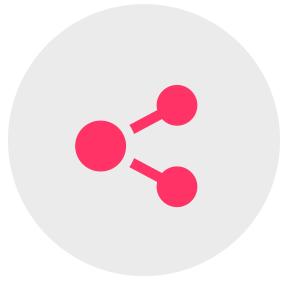
91% video-on-demand content

71% gaming

55% social media



65% messaging apps/sites



97% video-sharing platforms



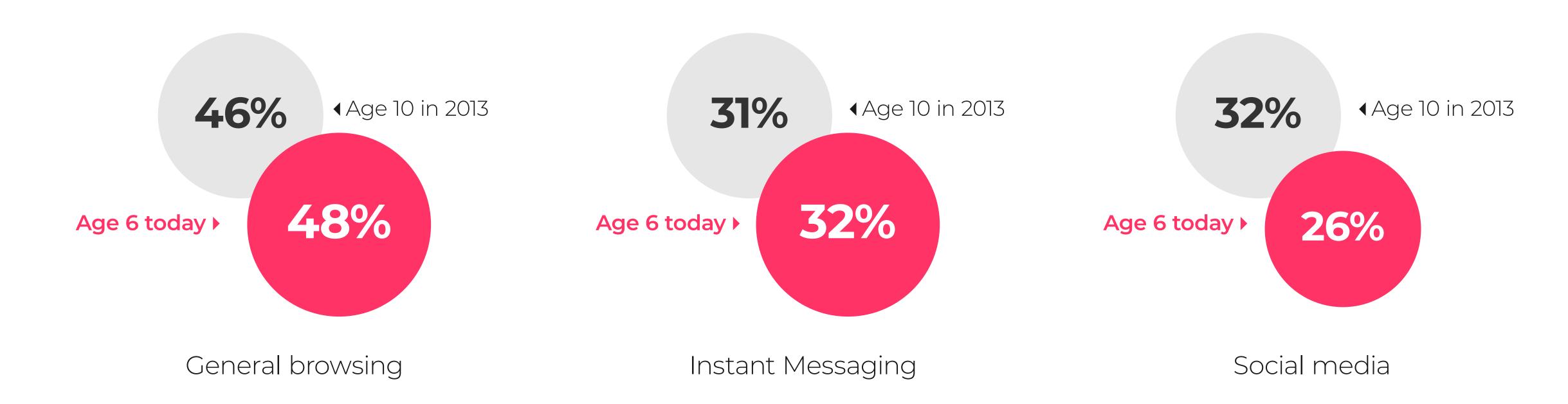
45% live streaming apps/sites



Source: Ofcom 2020-21

Internet use by young children is increasing

6 is the new 10





New pressures for the digital age



Lauren Seager-Smith
CEO of Kidscape

FOMO – Fear of missing out

"The pull to be part of the 'in' crowd is strong and as a parent it can be easy to forget how that felt at 13 or 14 and some of the associated risks. In the online world that can include pressures to share personal images that a child might think will improve their social status."



Dr. Linda PapadopoulosPsychologist & Internet Matters Ambassador

Selfies and Mental health

"The selfie phenomenon is like having a mirror following you around 24 hours a day. And not just following you, but giving you a minute-by-minute account of friends, peers and celebrities."



Katie Collett
The Diana Award

Social media and Self-Esteem

"Many young people revealed that they would delete a selfie they've posted if it didn't get enough 'likes' and some told me that getting fewer than even 50 'likes' would make them feel"

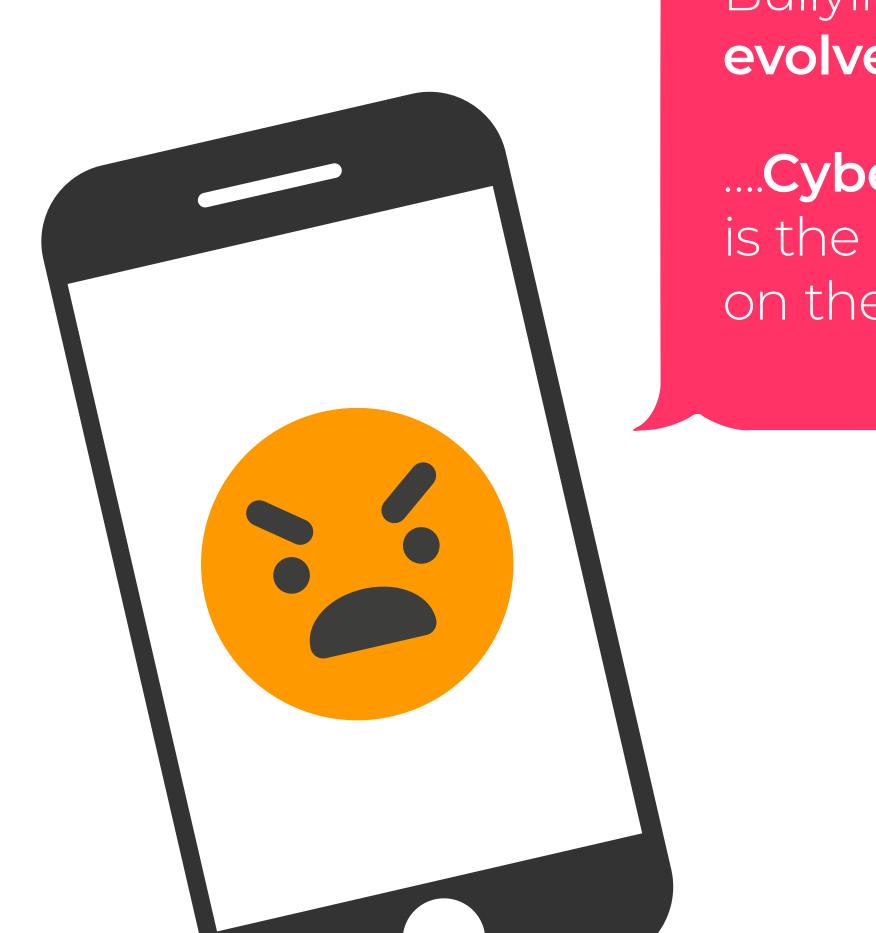


What is cyberbullying?

The Anti-bullying Alliance define bullying as:

The **repetitive, intentional** hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of **power**. Bullying can **be physical, verbal** or **psychological**.



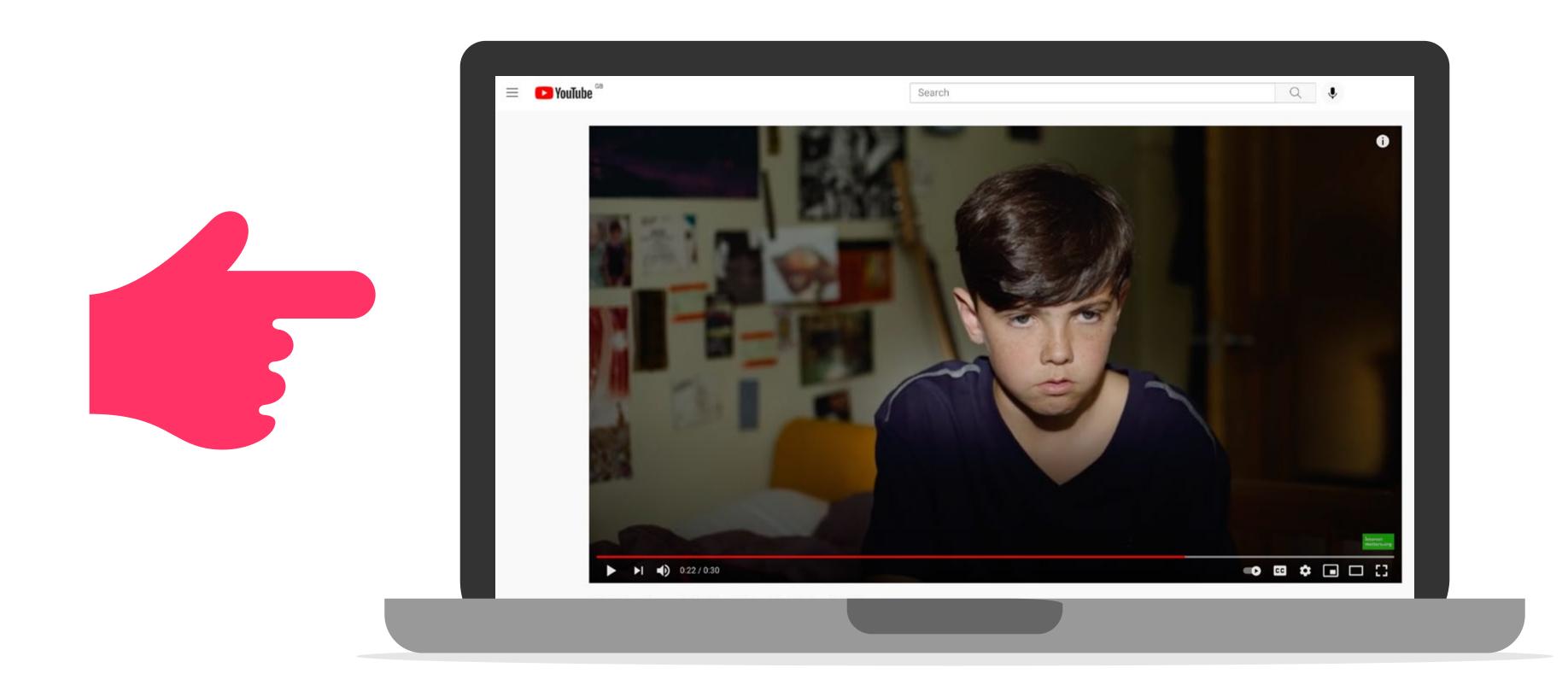


Bullying has **evolved**

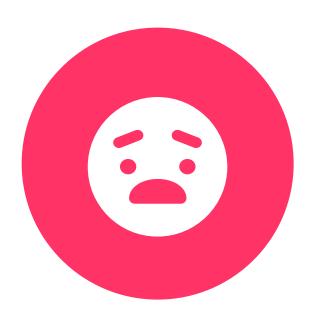
....Cyberbullying is the new kid on the block.

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Watch "Sticks & Stones" by Internet Matters



Why is cyberbullying different?



Hard to escape



Instantly reach audience



Repetative



24 hour access



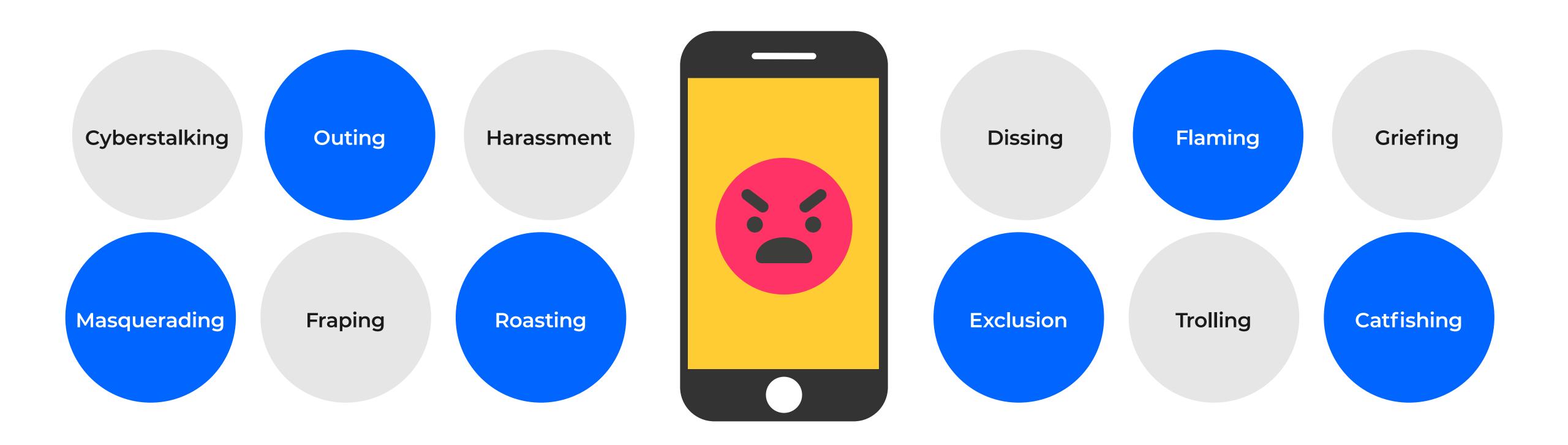
Anonymity



Hard to police



Cyberbullying terms





How to protect your child



Guide your child to be safe online

- 1 Think before you post
- 2 Be share aware
- Be a good role model
- 4 Time online
- 5 Get involved



Have great internet manners



1. Treat others as you would like to be treated



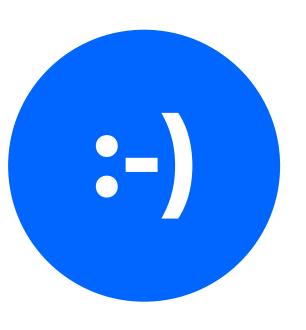
4. Don't make a situation worse by provoking people even more



2. If you wouldn't say it to someone in person don't say it online



5. Don't start rumours or spread gossip about someone online



3. People can't see your body language, facial expressions or hear the tone of your voice online – so don't over-use icons and punctuation to convey meaning



6. Don't make fun of someone in an online chat

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7. Post things that will inspire and motivate people in a positive way



8. Make sure you don't create a negative environment in an online world or game through name calling



9. Include people in online games and social forums, and don't intentionally leave people out



10. You can't retrieve material once it's sent or posted online so if it might embarrass you or someone, don't put it online



11. Respect other people's privacy



12. Respect other people's time and bandwidth by avoiding posting too much information



Safe social media profile



Use a strong password



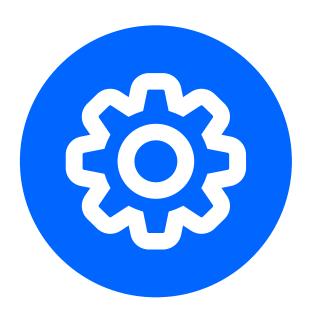
Use an alias and avoid personal pictures



Don't include date of birth and other personal information



Show your child how to block and report



Change settings to private

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Consider the minimum age



Don't accept friend requests from strangers



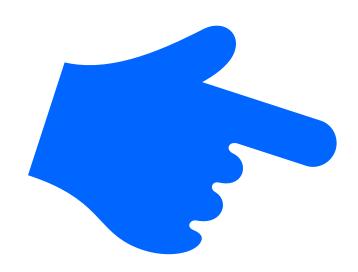
Switch off location services



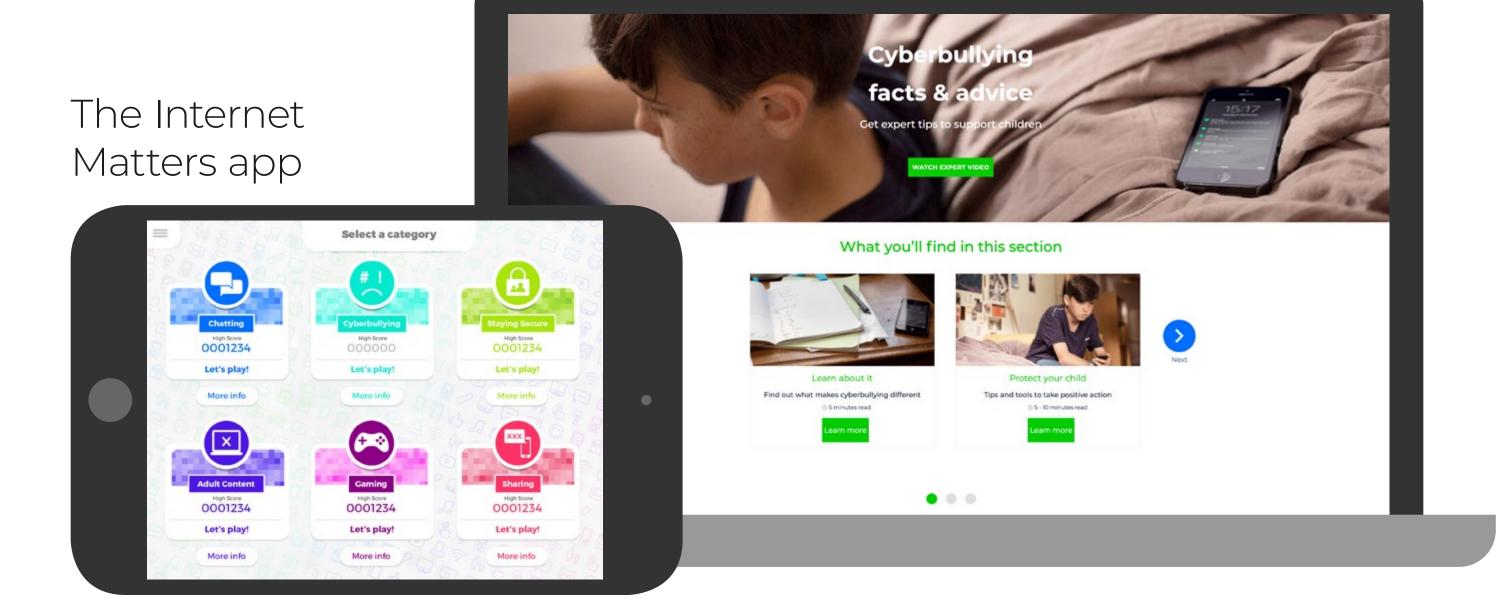
Tell them to think before they post

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Resources from Internet Matters



The cyberbullying advice hub





Spotting the signs

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54% of parents worry about Cyberbullying

Why children might not report being bullied:

- embarrassment (39%)
- being labelled a snitch (38%)
- fear it will get worse (38%)
- worry they won't be taken seriously (30%)
- nothing was done about reported bullying in the past (23%)

Anxious

Withdrawn

Change in behaviour

Obsessive

Unwell

Jumpy

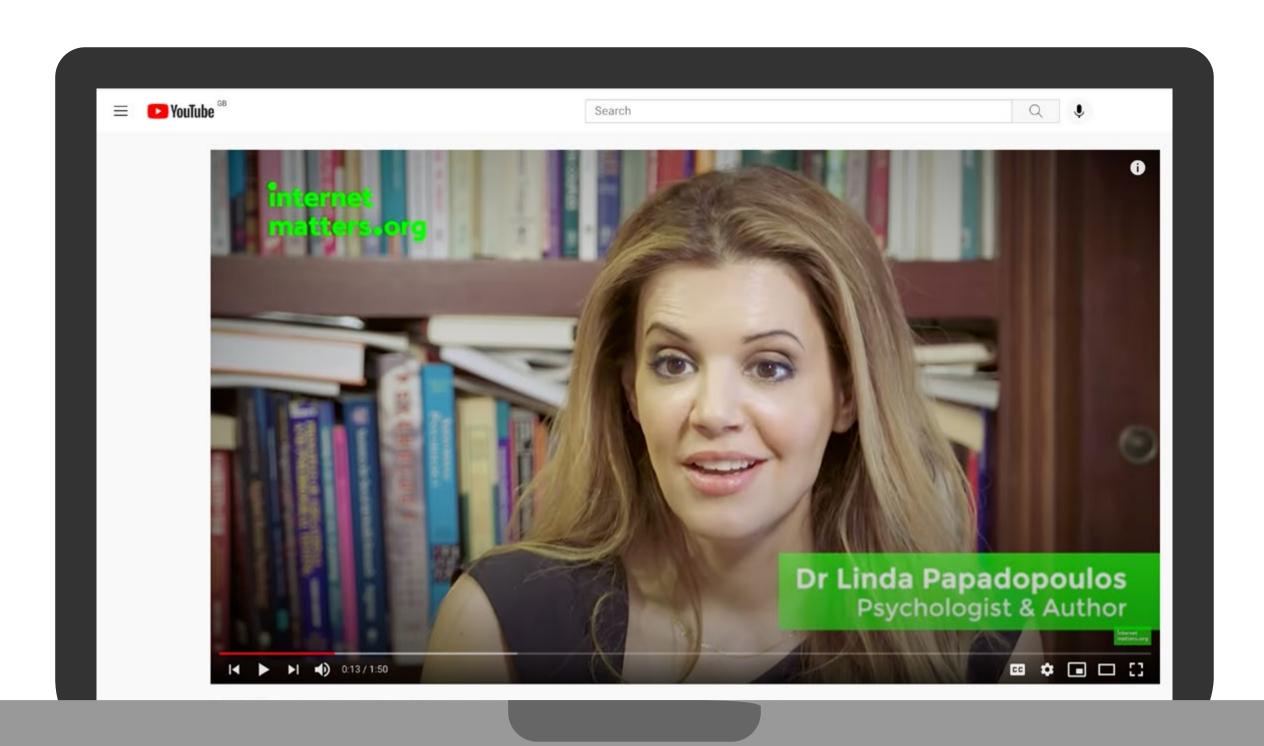
Avoiding talking

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Talk about it

- Find the right time to have a conversation
- Stay calm
- Ask open questions
- Reassure them that you are on their side







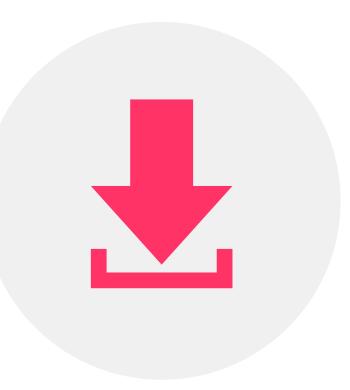
The do's



Block



Report



Keep the evidence



Know when to take it further



The dont's



Retaliate



Stop them going online



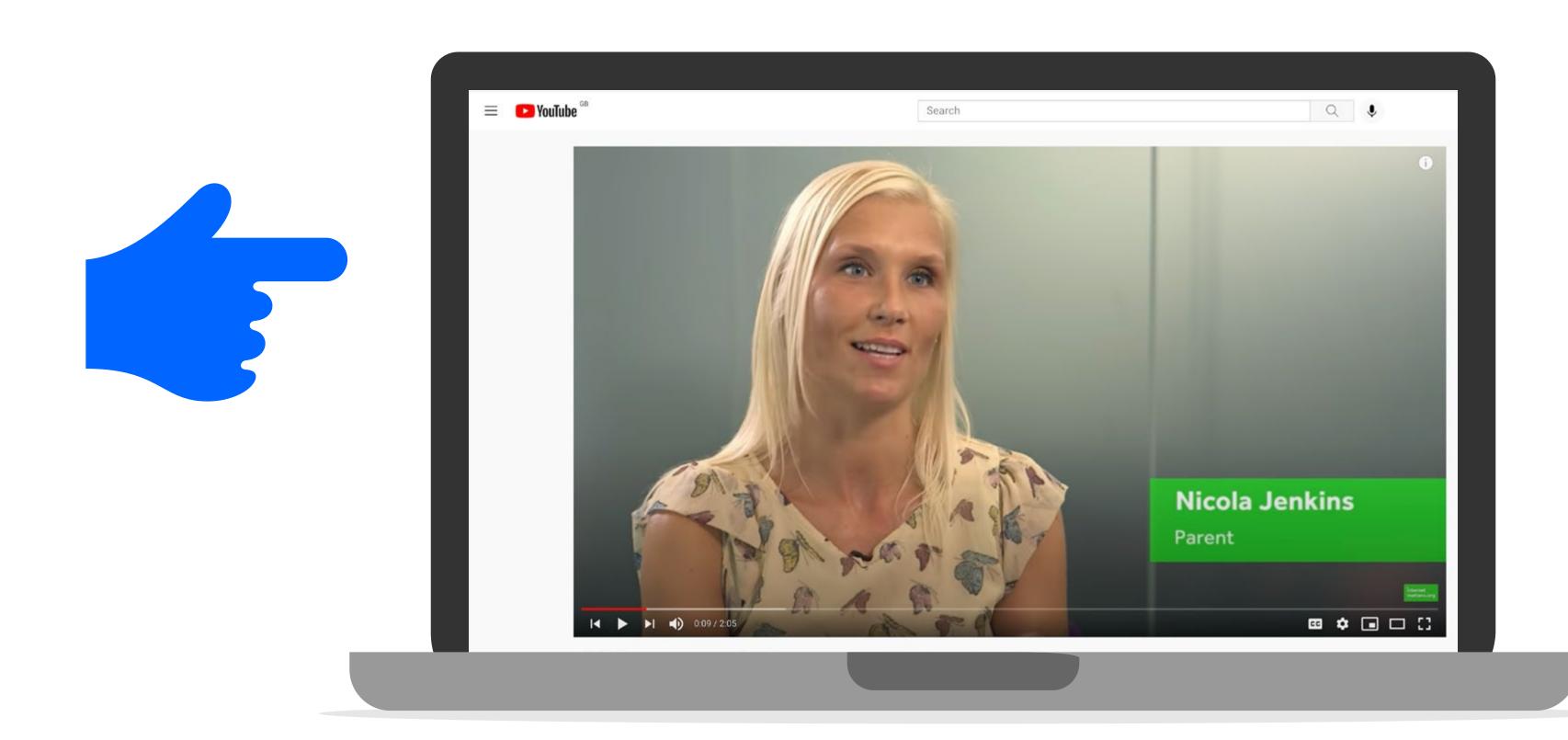
Deal with it alone



Stop when the bullying stops



What if my child is the bully...





The do's



Find out why



Talk it through



Stay calm



Teach by example



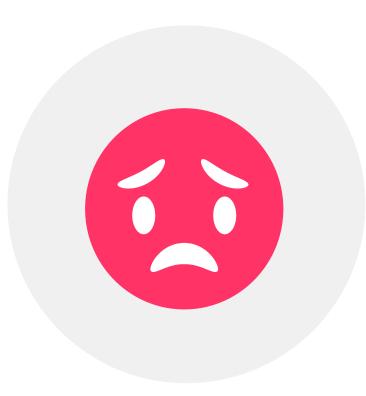
Learn from it



The dont's







Get upset



Be judgmental



Condone it



Take away their devices



Our schools approach to cyberbullying



A chance for you to put some of your **statistics relating to bullying** levels in your school. Do you monitor levels of bullying?

Also a chance to explain that you take cyberbullying seriously, that you want to work closely with parents to help tackle **bullying in school**.

You could also include your school's anti-bullying policy.



How can you help?



Remember this is an emotionally-charged problem



Encourage them not to treat bullying as a secret – they can use you as release for their emotions; importantly keep the dialogue open



Stay calm, patient, and ask how you can help



Praise them for being brave enough to share with you



Believe them, refrain from judging or belittling and acknowledge their feelings



Think very carefully about approaching other parents



Always report cyberbullying to the school



Face to face



Call us

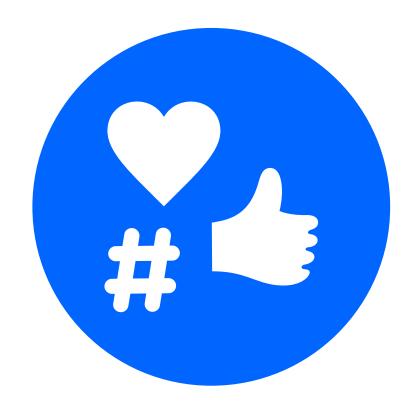


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Final thoughts

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