CYBER SAFETY GUIDELINES

Cyber-bullying is an aggressive, intentional act carried out by a group or individual using electronic forms of contact repeatedly over time against a victim who cannot easily defend himself/herself.

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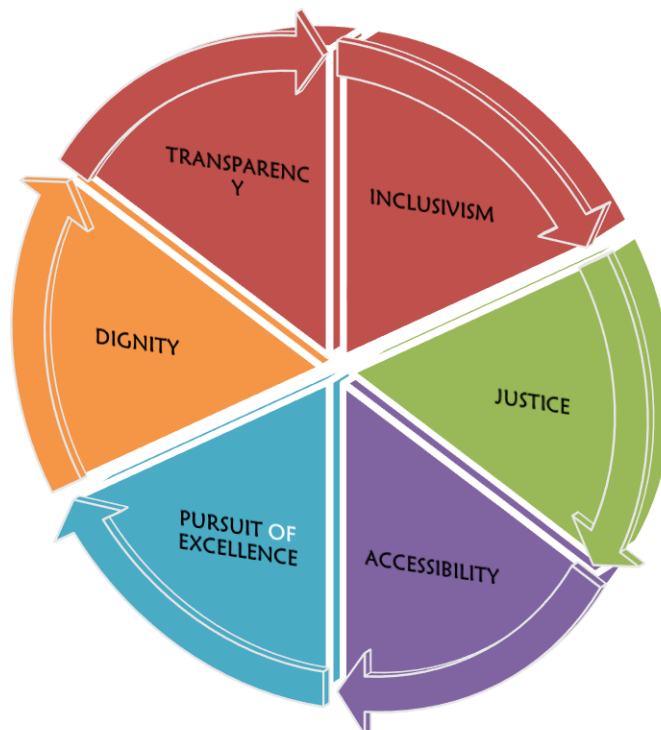*Al Tallah, Ajman*
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School Mission and Vision

Our Vision

The school envisages learning as a communitarian process of imbibing education from the natural, academic, social and technological eco systems created around the institution of school.

Our Mission

We strive to provide a new model of education for the expatriate children in the UAE in a culturally inclusive, technologically effective and ecologically sensitive way in a cosmopolitan environment.

Our Core Values

TRANSPARENCY

INCLUSIVISM

JUSTICE

DIGNITY

ACCESSIBILITY

PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

GUIDANCE FOR STUDENTS

If you believe you or someone else is the victim of cyber-bullying, you must speak to an adult as soon as possible. This person could be a parent/guardian, your tutor, or the supervisor.

- Do not answer abusive messages but log and report them
- Do not delete anything until it has been shown to your Form Teacher, parents/guardian or the supervisor (even if it is upsetting, the material is important evidence which may need to be used later as proof of cyber-bullying)
- Do not give out personal ID details
- Never reply to abusive e-mails
- Never reply to someone you do not know
- Stay in public areas in chat rooms

GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS

It is vital that parents and the school work together to ensure that all pupils are aware of the serious consequences of getting involved in anything that might be seen to be cyber-bullying. Habitat School informs parents of the cyber-bullying policy and the procedures in place to deal with cyber-bullying.

- Parents can help by making sure their child understands the school's policy and, above all, how seriously the school takes incidents of cyber-bullying
- Parents should also explain to their sons or daughters legal issues relating to cyberbullying (Refer to UAE law regarding digital crimes)
- If parents believe their child is the victim of cyber-bullying, they should save the offending material (if need be by saving an offensive text on their or their child's mobile phone) and make sure they have all relevant information before deleting anything
- Parents should contact the Head of the school as soon as possible. A meeting can then be arranged with the Head, which may involve other relevant members of staff
- If the incident falls in the holidays the school reserves the right to take action against bullying perpetrated outside the school which spills over into the school. E-SAFETY AT HOME Several sites offer helpful advice to parents, particularly with respect to how they can best monitor their child's use of the computer at home.