

YOUTH CHARTER



We are ALL responsible for treating everyone on line with respect. You should not use behaviour or language that would be offensive or upsetting to somebody else.

Could this be YOU?

When Abbas accepts Kelly from his maths class as a friend on facebook, he finds that Kelly has written some stuff about someone else in the class that isn't very nice. Abbas isn't sure what to do - it looks like its meant to be a joke but it makes him feel uncomfortable to look and it and say nothing.

Abbas thought about whether to tell the person it was written about, but decided it might just stir up trouble. Instead he spoke to Kelly the next day (he didn't want to I.M. in case he got misunderstood). He told Kelly that he wanted her as a friend but didn't like the things she was saying even if it was meant as a joke. It ended up with a group of them talking about how once you put things on the internet you never know who else nmight see them, and how they upset someone or make other people thing you were mean or prejudiced. Their maths teacher even joined in and said he was glad there was not internet when he was their age - everyone has to be much more careful nowadays.

What to do if it happening to you?

Abbas did the right thing. It is true that things you post on Facebook or anywhere else could end up being seen by all sorts of other people. Putting things on the internet is a bit like saying things in public - and what you say in public is different to what you might say in private between a couple of friends. It is up to us to do our best to make sure the internet is a friendly and wecoming space we can all use and enjoy - and do do something about those people who spoil it.