

Full Council, 30 January 2018

Administration Motion in the name of Cllr Reuben Thompstone

Anti-Bullying Charter: How our schools can help

Barnet has some of the highest-performing and most desirable schools in the country, built on foundations of educational excellence and a holistic approach to pupil welfare.

Council recognises this and invites good and outstanding schools in Barnet to use their experience and excellent processes — particularly in dealing with cyber bullying and the abuse of social networks — to contribute to LBC Radio's Anti-Bullying Charter, led by presenter Nick Ferrari.

The Charter states that:

1. Cyberbullying should be a compulsory part of PSHE education;
2. Social media sites need to have clearer signposting to sources of support such as ChildLine, the Samaritans and other charities. These signposts should be clear and child friendly;
3. We want to see strengthening of age verification measures for social media sites;
4. All schools should have a secure area where pupils could call or email ChildLine if they are feeling victimised or bullied;
5. Schools to host an annual session for parents to help understand how to help children who are being cyber-bullied.

Council calls on the Leader of the Council to write to Barnet's good and outstanding schools encouraging them to adopt the Anti-Bullying Charter and contribute to best practice over its implementation.

[Under the relevant FCPR I request that my motion is voted on at the meeting.]