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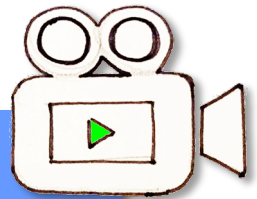
People think that what you do online has no effect on what happens offline.

The thing is, there's not actually any difference between online life and offline life...

It's **ALL REAL LIFE.**

**Watch** this 6 minute **video** from the Red Balloon Foundation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MONbqnpP0i8>



Please visit the Red Balloon website at [www.rbf.org.uk/sbs](http://www.rbf.org.uk/sbs)  
or if you would like to speak to someone visit  
[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

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**STOP**

When someone is attacking us with words, images, videos or physical violence, the first thing we need to do is make it stop. It's not OK, and nobody deserves it, no matter what they have or haven't said or done.

## Make it STOP by...

- **Responding CALMLY to what's happening.**

*You've known since you were five years old that if you hit them back, then you'll eventually end up in just as much if not more trouble than the person who started it.*

- **Asking the person to STOP what they are doing** (even if you don't think it will help)

*You only need to ask once, but if you don't ask at all, then it makes it harder for people to help you further down the road.*

- **SCREENSHOTING or SAVING everything that's happened so far.**

*If there's no evidence of what's been said/done, even if it's really embarrassing to you, it is very difficult for others to offer support later on.*



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**BLOCK**

Offline, you can try and avoid someone but if they are in your school, we know really that's impossible. Online, it can be equally tricky to get away from someone who is targeting you but your emotional health and wellbeing is worth more than your follower count. It is really important that you do everything you can to stop the person hurting you further in whatever way they have been targeting you.

Isn't reporting or blocking someone a bit extreme...? *Look, we understand, we really do. Hitting 'REPORT' or 'BLOCK' seems like a big deal. Thing is, OFFLINE you'd never let them get away with treating you like that, and because ITS ALL REAL LIFE, you can't let it carry on ONLINE either...Also, it might not be a big deal for you, but the next person they do it to could be so do it for them even if you don't do it for you.*



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This is the most important of the three. And the most difficult.

- It isn't easy to talk to people about what happens **ONLINE**. Problem is, without the help of other people, its really unlikely that that it will stop. That photo will keep on circulating, that comment will keep appearing and every time you try to play multiplayer, there they'll be.
- The best thing you can do is talk to a **TRUSTED ADULT**. Like a parent/carer, family member, teacher, activity leader, sports coach... Someone you trust and can be honest with. Tell them how what's happening is making you feel, and tell them you want them to help you make it stop.
- And talk to your **MATES** too. The real ones who aren't spreading rubbish about you on Instagram. Let them help you build up the courage to talk to your **TRUSTED ADULTS**. Maybe they'll even go with you and back you up. That's what mates are for.
- And if you can't imagine talking to your family or your friends, then **CALL CHILDLINE**.
- People think you have to be in really serious trouble to talk to Childline, but actually they will talk to **anyone** about **anything** and **can really help**. Check the video for more info. <https://youtu.be/fCA6EhBhiC8>

