

Saffron Cyber Second

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Where Do You Draw The Line?

Jane was 9 years old when the girls at school started bullying her. The one thing Jane did look forward to every day was coming home and talking to her pen pals online. She felt like this was her safe place. Unfortunately, the mean girls from school found Jane online and began to bully her through social media. Noticing they were no longer gaining reactions from Jane at school, the bullies thought cyber bullying may gain more of her attention. Jane continued to block and make new accounts but the girls somehow continued to find her. This around-the-clock torture started getting to Jane. She began missing school, never leaving the house, and she stopped talking to her pen pals. Jane was too scared to do anything, so she isolated herself completely. Her parents were worried of Jane's sudden need for solidarity and sought out a conversation. Jane then disclosed everything that had been happening online and at school and the parents took action from there. The school took these concerns very seriously and suspended the mean girls.

START THE CONVERSATION!

Youth may talk about the online world. Get involved in the discussion. Use it as an opportunity to gain knowledge on the apps they are on and the games they are playing. Pay close attention to details! They can help in future discussions or prevention of cyberbullying.

