Shield Statement 10.

Online Safety – Online safety and digital competence is imperative for children and young people growing up today. Cyberbullying is a contemporary problem facilitated in recent years by a rapid growth in information and communication technology. Our organisation is committed to protecting children and young people from both traditional forms of bullying and cyberbullying from the perspective of young people.

Ideas to Inspire:

Your organisation can direct children and young people to www.childline.ie. Childline can be contacted by any child or young person by live chat at Childline.ie, texting 50101 or calling 1800 66 66 66, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
Your organisation can direct children and children and young people and parents/caregivers to the National Anti-Bullying, Online Safety website https://tacklebullying.ie/ and https://www.ispcc.ie/ispcc-digital-ready-hub/ for additional support and resources.
Existing research is predominantly quantitative in nature and young people's voices are largely absent from the current discourse. The omission of young people's perspectives may lead to a misinterpretation of their needs and misguided prevention and intervention strategies. It has been suggested that collaborating with children and children and young people as co-researchers could enhance efforts to understand and address cyberbullying.

Does your organisation include children and children and young people in its cyber bullying prevention and intervention strategies?

Your organisation engages in ongoing CPD for anti-bullying and online safety. Supports include the Webwise Webinar Series; PDST in-school support; teachercpd.ie online courses in Digital Citizenship, Online Safety in the SPHE Classroom and the upcoming online course in Cyberbullying.

Your organisation engages in online safety prevention and awareness through the provision of regular curricular aligned programmes, for example; Connected Programme, Lockers, HTML Heroes, Myselfie and the Wider World, Be in Ctrl, Digitown and What is Coco's Law?:
www.webwise.ie/teachers/resources