

# Problem scenario – boys

## Cyber bullying

Jon is totally fed up and humiliated. His two so-called best mates decided to take some photos of him on their mobile phones while he was changing after a football match. He's always been self-conscious about his size and the fact they are all at least 6cm taller than he is, but they've really rubbed this in big time. They sent the photos to everyone in their year group, adding messages like, 'It's the dwarf boy', 'Find the garden gnome' and 'Would you fancy a midget?' There were worse ones as well – mainly about his puny chest and spotty back. He feels totally let down by them and very angry. He doesn't know what to do but he feels like beating them up.

## Questions

- ▶ Are Jon's friends 'real' friends?
- ▶ Do you think his friends thought this was funny?
- ▶ Do you think this is bullying? If so, why?
- ▶ Do you think all boys become conscious of their size?
- ▶ How would you feel in Jon's shoes?
- ▶ What do you think he should do now?
- ▶ Where can he get help? What would you say to them?
- ▶ Is beating up his mates a solution in the short or longer term?



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