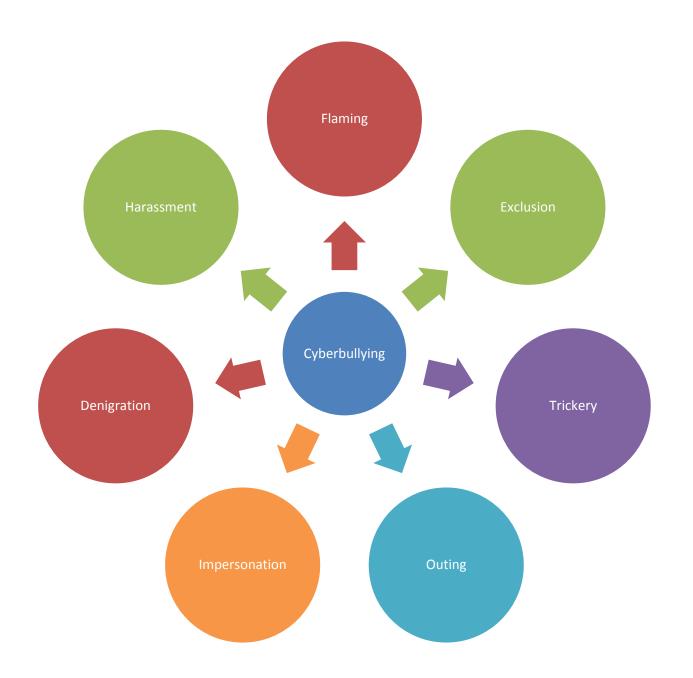
## **Bullying & Cyberbullying**

## Bullying

Bullying, no matter whether it is traditional bullying or cyberbullying, causes significant emotional and psychological distress. In fact, just like any other victim of bullying, cyberbullied victims experience anxiety, fear, depression, and low self-esteem. They also may deal with low self-esteem, experience physical symptoms, and struggle academically. But targets of cyberbullying also experience some unique consequences and negative feelings.

## **Impact**

- Feeling vulnerable and powerless
- Feeling exposed and humiliated
- Feeling dissatisfied with who they are
- Feeling angry and vengeful
- Feeling disinterested (life and/or school)
- Feeling isolated and lonely
- Feeling anxious and depressed possibly even suicidal



## Responding to Bullying

- It's not as easy as 'delate your account' or 'don't go online'
- Always report it
- Save all conversations but not indecent images!
- Don't respond to the bullies
- Talk to someone about how you feel
- Engage in positive activities with positive people
- Practice mindfulness

