

Case study: Shola – primary



Shola is 11 and attends a mainstream primary school. She has cerebral palsy and limited use of her arms and legs. She uses assisted technology in class and to communicate. Shola really enjoys using IT equipment and is a keen member of a number of social networking sites. The school set up its own intranet for learners to use and Shola was on the school planning group who designed and advised on the site.

To launch the site, the school used an assembly. When Shola approached the stage to do her bit of the presentation another child shouted out a 'spazz'. The remark was not challenged by staff. Soon after the intranet went live, pictures of Shola began to appear with comments about her physical appearance and her personal life.

Questions

- What could the whole school including other pupils do to stop others bullying Shola?
- Write a story about what happens to Shola now