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New programme on cyber bullying for primary schools

A programme has been introduced to teach primary school pupils about cyber bullying, in the wake of the Anton Casey and Quek Zhen Hao cases.

Briton Casey, 39, who had been working here as a wealth manager, had called public transport commuters in Singapore "poor people". Undergraduate Quek, 24, had been caught on video twice in the same day for driving dangerously. Both were flamed online and threatened by netizens.

Referring to such Internet vigilantism, Mrs Carmee Lim, vice-chairman of the Media Literacy Council, which promotes cyber wellness, said: "It is almost like taking the laws into your own hands. We want our young children to reflect and ask themselves if this is the right behaviour. We don't want them to keep silent when they see instances of cyber bullying."

The council launched the programme yesterday in conjunction with Safer Internet Day, a global campaign for more responsible use of the Web and mobile phones.

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