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MOE to investigate alleged bullying incident in Shuqun Secondary; video goes viral



The male student using his hands to slap his classmate. PHOTO: SCREENGAB FROM FACEBOOK VIDEO

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SINGAPORE - The Ministry of Education (MOE) is investigating a case of alleged bullying that happened in a classroom at Shuqun Secondary School in Jurong East.

A 52-second video clip of the incident was first posted on the Facebook page of All Singapore Stuff on Monday (Sept 21) morning.

It has since garnered over 56,000 views and has been shared close to 3,000 times.

It is not clear when the incident took place.

The video, which appears to have been filmed by another student, shows a male student slapping the head of a classmate repeatedly with both hands. He then picks up a book and uses it to hit the victim's head, before doing the same to another classmate who was seated nearby.

Both victims kept their heads bowed and did not retaliate. Another male student can be seen dancing on the teacher's table in the background while the bullying was going on.

MOE's Facebook page has been inundated with requests from netizens to look into the matter. In response, MOE said that it was aware of the incident and was investigating.

It is understood that the school is also conducting investigations and it has been established that a case of bullying had likely occurred.

The Straits Times has contacted MOE and Shuqun Secondary School and is awaiting their official replies.

People who commented on the original post condemned the student's actions and urged MOE and the school's authorities to take appropriate action.

Wrote netizen Alice Tan: "It's so ridiculous, school is a place to study not for bullies. The school should take disciplinary action immediately."