

James's story

James was 14 years old and had been a member at his local golf club for three years. There were several other boys at the club with whom he enjoyed playing golf.

Two other boys at the club were 16 years old. They started to make fun of James on the course, trying to distract him when he was playing his shots, and calling him names such as 'smartie pants' and 'sweetie'. They posted messages on Facebook that were making fun of him.

James joked along with it at first, but after a while he realised it was making him feel miserable, to the point where he didn't want to play golf anymore.

He eventually told his parents about the issue. Together with the junior organiser at the club, the problem was resolved. The two older boys didn't realise they had caused James to be upset. They apologised to James and he soon enjoyed playing at the club again.

Is this happening to you?

Do you behave in a way that makes others feel unhappy?

If someone is making you feel miserable, then you are right to tell an adult about it.