



Hatherley
INFANT SCHOOL

Online Safety Policy

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Introduction

We believe we have a duty to provide pupils with quality Internet access as part of their learning experience across all curricular areas. The use of the Internet is an invaluable tool in the development of lifelong learning skills.

We believe that used correctly Internet access will not only raise standards, but it will support teacher's professional work and it will enhance the school's management information and business administration systems.

'The use of technology has become a significant component of many safeguarding issues. Child sexual exploitation, radicalisation; sexual predation; and can be used as a platform that facilitates harm. (Keeping Children Safe in Education 2019') We acknowledge that the increased provision of the Internet in and out of school brings with it the need to ensure that learners are safe. We need to teach pupils how to evaluate Internet information and to take care of their own safety and security.

Online or E-Safety, which encompasses Internet technologies and electronic communications, will educate pupils about the benefits and risks of using technology and provides safeguards and awareness to enable them to control their online experience.

We believe all pupils and other members of the school community have an entitlement to safe Internet access at all times.

The breadth of issues classified within online safety is considerable and is broadly categorized into three areas of risk:

Content: being exposed to illegal, inappropriate or harmful material; for example pornography, fake news, racist or radical and extremist views

Contact: being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users; for example commercial advertising as well as adults posing as children or young adults;

Conduct: personal online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes harm; for example making, sending and receiving explicit images, or online bullying.

We provide a safe environment where we promote pupils' welfare. Within this environment we work hard to build pupils' resilience to radicalisation and extremism by promoting fundamental British values and for everyone to understand the risks associated with terrorism. We want pupils to develop their knowledge and skills in order to challenge extremist views.

We wish to work closely with the School Council and to hear their views and opinions as we acknowledge and support Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child that children should be encouraged to form and to express their views.

We as a school community have a commitment to promote equality. Therefore, an equality impact assessment has been undertaken and we believe this policy is in line with the Equality Act 2010.

We believe it is essential that this policy clearly identifies and outlines the roles and responsibilities of all those involved in the procedures and arrangements that is connected with this policy.

Aims

- To provide pupils with quality Internet access as part of their learning experience across all curricular areas.
- To provide clear advice and guidance in order to ensure that all Internet users are aware of the risks and the benefits of using the Internet.

- To evaluate Internet information and to take care of their own safety and security.
- To raise educational standards and promote pupil achievement.
- To protect children from the risk of radicalisation and extremism.
- To ensure compliance with all relevant legislation connected to this policy.
- To work with other schools and the local authority to share good practice in order to improve this policy.

Responsibility of the Policy and Procedure

Role of the Governing Body

The Governing Body should ensure that children are taught about online safety as part of the broad and balanced curriculum as well as ensuring that appropriate filters and monitoring systems are in place.

Role of the Headteacher

The Headteacher will:

- ensure the safety and online safety of all members of the school community;
- ensure all school personnel, pupils and parents are aware of and comply with this policy;
- work closely with the Governing Body and the coordinator to create a safe ICT learning environment by having in place:
 - an effective range of technological tools
 - clear roles and responsibilities
 - safe procedures
 - a comprehensive policy for pupils, staff and parents
- investigate, record and report all infringements to e-safety by any member of the school personnel or by a pupil;
- ensure all pupils and school personnel must read and sign the 'Acceptable ICT Use Agreement' before using any school IT resource;
- deal with all breaches of security;
- impose the appropriate sanctions to any infringement of e-Safety;
- will immediately suspend a member of the school personnel if they commit an exceptionally serious act of gross misconduct;
- will immediately suspend and report to the Police if images of child abuse are found on a computer belonging to a member of the school personnel;
- provide leadership and vision in respect of equality;
- make effective use of relevant research and information to improve this policy;
- provide guidance, support and training to all staff;
- monitor the effectiveness of this policy by:
 - monitoring learning and teaching through observing lessons
 - monitoring planning and assessment
 - speaking with pupils, school personnel, parents and governors
- annually report to the Governing Body on the success and development of this policy.

Role of the e-Safety Coordinator (Computing Lead)

The coordinator will:

- be responsible for the day to day e-Safety issues;
- undertake an annual e-safety audit in order to establish compliance with LA guidance;

- ensure that all Internet users are kept up to date with new guidance and procedures;
- have editorial responsibility of the school Web site and will ensure that content is accurate and appropriate;
- ensure regular checks are made to ensure that the filtering methods selected are appropriate, effective and reasonable;
- undertake risk assessments in order to reduce Internet misuse;
- maintains a log of all e-Safety incidents;
- reports all e-Safety incidents to the Headteacher;
- ensure e-Safety is embedded in all aspects of the curriculum and other school activities;
- lead the development of this policy throughout the school;
- work closely with the Headteacher and the nominated governor;
- make effective use of relevant research and information to improve this policy;
- provide guidance and support to all staff;
- provide training for all staff on induction and when the need arises;
- keep up to date with new developments and resources;
- review and monitor;
- annually report to the Governing Body on the success and development of this policy.

Role of all School Staff

School personnel will:

- comply with all aspects of this policy
- undertake appropriate training;
- before using any Internet resource in school must accept the terms of the 'Responsible Internet Use' statement;
- not allow others to use their login details;
- report any suspicion or evidence that there has been a breach of security;
- teach pupils the importance of password security;
- be responsible for promoting and supporting safe behaviours with pupils;
- promote e-Safety procedures such as showing pupils how to deal with inappropriate material;
- report any unsuitable website or material to the e-Safety Coordinator/DSL;
- will ensure that the use of Internet derived materials complies with copyright law;
- ensure online/e-Safety is embedded in all aspects of the curriculum and actively promote online safety;
- be aware of all other linked policies;
- maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour within and outside school and not to undermine fundamental British values;
- work in partnership parents and carers keeping them up to date with their child's progress and behaviour at school;
- implement the school's equalities policy and schemes;
- report and deal with all incidents of discrimination;
- attend appropriate training sessions on equality;
- report any concerns they have on any aspect of the school community

Role of Pupils

Pupils will be aware of this policy and will be taught to:

- be critically aware of the materials they read;
- validate information before accepting its accuracy;
- acknowledge the source of information used;
- use the Internet for research;
- respect copyright when using Internet material in their own work;

- report any offensive e-mail;
- report any unsuitable website or material to the e-Safety Coordinator/DSL;
- not divulge their or others personal details;
- not arrange to meet anyone via the e-mail;
- know and understand the school policy on the use of:
 - mobile phones
 - digital cameras
 - hand held devices
- not be allowed access to:
 - social networking sites except those that are part of an educational network or approved Learning Platform;
 - newsgroups unless an identified need has been approved.
- know and understand the school policy on the taking and use of photographic images and cyber bullying;
- learn to take pride in their work;
- produce work of a high standard;
- listen carefully to all instructions given by the teacher;
- ask for further help if they do not understand;
- participate fully in all lessons;
- participate in discussions concerning progress and attainment;
- treat others, their work and equipment with respect;
- support the school Code of Conduct and guidance necessary to ensure the smooth running of the school;
- talk to others without shouting and will use language which is neither abusive nor offensive;
- hand in homework properly completed and on time;
- wear correct uniform
- liaise with the school council;
- take part in questionnaires and surveys

Role of Parents/Carers

Parents/carers will:

- be aware of and comply with this policy;
- be asked to support the e-Safety policy and to sign the consent form allowing their child to have Internet access;
- make their children aware of the e-Safety policy;
- support the school Code of Conduct and guidance necessary to ensure smooth running of the school

Internet Filtering and Use

We have a contract with a reputed and national Internet provider (South West Grid for Learning) to manage a secure and filtered Internet service which enables us to safely access and use the Internet and all email. The Internet filtering service will be annually reviewed.

Access to the Internet is designed to protect pupils and school personnel by blocking the following content:

- adult content containing sexually explicit images
- violent content containing graphically violent images
- hate material content promoting violence or attack on individuals or institutions on the basis of religious, racial or gender grounds
- illegal drug taking content relating to the use or promotion of illegal drugs or the misuse or prescription drugs
- criminal content relating to the promotion of criminal and other activities

- gambling content relating to the use of online gambling websites
- non educational websites such as social networking sites

All users access the Internet in accordance with the School's Acceptable Internet Use & Agreement and will inform the ICT coordinator if at any time they find they have accessed inappropriate Internet sites. When inappropriate material has been accessed the Internet Service Provider will be contacted and if necessary the Police.

Authorising Internet Access

- Before using any school ICT resource, all pupils and staff must read and sign the 'Acceptable ICT Use Agreement'.
- Parents must inform school if they do not wish their child to have access to the Internet.

Password Security

All users are responsible for the security of their username and password and must not allow other users to use this information to access the system. All breaches of security must be reported.

School Website

Contact details on the website will be:

- the school address
- e-mail address
- telephone number

The school website will not publish:

- staff or pupils contact details;
- the pictures of children without the written consent of the parent/carer;
- the names of any pupils who are shown;
- children's work without the permission of the pupil or the parent/carer

Social Networking and Personal Publishing

Pupils will not be allowed access:

- to social networking sites except those that are part of an educational network or approved Learning Platform;
- to newsgroups unless an identified need has been approved

Inappropriate Material

- Any inappropriate websites or material found by pupils or school personnel will be reported to the e-Safety Coordinator who in turn will report to the Internet Service Provider.

Internet System Security

- New programs will be installed onto the network or stand alone machines by local authority technicians or a reputable IT firm;
- Personal CD's and other data record devices may not be used in school;

- Everyone must be aware that under the Computer Misuse Act 1990 the use of computer systems without permission or for inappropriate use could constitute a criminal offence;

Complaints of Internet Misuse

- The Headteacher will deal with all complaints of Internet misuse by school personnel or pupils.
- Parents will be informed if their child has misused the Internet.

Raising Awareness of this Policy

We will raise awareness of this policy via:

- the School Handbook/Prospectus
- the school website
- the Staff Handbook
- meetings with parents such as introductory, transition, parent-teacher consultations and periodic curriculum workshops
- school events
- meetings with school personnel
- communications with home such as weekly newsletters and of end of half term newsletters
- reports such annual report to parents and Headteacher reports to the Governing Body
- information displays in the main school entrance

Training

All school personnel:

- have equal chances of training, career development and promotion
- receive training on induction which specifically covers:
 - All aspects of this policy
 - Safeguarding & Child Protection
 - Acceptable Internet Use Agreement
 - ICT
 - Behaviour
 - Anti-bullying
 - School Website
 - Mobile Phone Safety & Acceptable Use
 - Photographic & Video Images
 - Internet Social Networking Websites
 - Equal opportunities
 - Inclusion
- receive periodic training so that they are kept up to date with new information
- receive equal opportunities training on induction in order to improve their understanding of the Equality Act 2010 and its implications.

Equality Impact Assessment

Under the Equality Act 2010 we have a duty not to discriminate against people on the basis of their age, disability, gender, gender identity, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation.

This policy has been equality impact assessed and we believe that it is in line with the Equality Act 2010 as it is fair, it does not prioritise or disadvantage any pupil and it helps to promote equality at this school.

Monitoring the Effectiveness of the Policy

The practical application of this policy will be reviewed annually or when the need arises by the coordinator, the Headteacher and the nominated governor.

Linked Policies

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▪ Acceptable Use	▪ Early Help Offer
▪ Anti-bullying and hate	▪ Health and Safety
▪ Attendance	▪ Relationships and Sex Education
▪ Behaviour	▪ SEND
▪ Complaints Procedure	▪ Safeguarding and Child Protection
▪ Confidentiality	▪ Safer Recruitment and Induction
▪ Curriculum	▪ Staff code of Conduct
▪ E-Safety (online safety)	▪ Whistleblowing

Educational resources

Opportunities to teach safeguarding, including online safety, are discussed at paragraph 88-90 of KCSiE 2019.

Resources that could support schools and colleges include:

[Teaching online safety in school](#) - DfE guidance outlining how schools can ensure their pupils understand how to stay safe and behave online as part of existing curriculum requirements.

UKCIS has recently published its [Education for a connected world framework](#). Online safety is a whole school and college issue. The framework aims to support the development of the curriculum and is of particular relevance to PSHE education and Computing. It is designed, however, to be usable across the curriculum and beyond and to be central to a whole school or college approach to safeguarding and online safety. It covers early years through to age 18.

The PSHE Association provides guidance to schools on developing their PSHE curriculum – www.pshe-association.org.uk

GSB have developed an e-safety programme