

E-Safety Policy

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1. Introduction

This policy sets out the school's best methods and practices for ensuring the digital security of pupils, staff and parents. Our aim is to ensure that all children use technology responsibly and safely.

2. Objectives of the Policy

• Protecting pupils from online risks.

• Train staff and pupils about e-safety.

• Inform parents about online safety practices.

• Establish clear rules for using technology in the school.

3. Acceptable Use of the Internet

• All pupils will use the internet for educational purposes only.

• Access to websites that are unsuitable for children will be blocked by the County.

• Pupils and staff must not share personal information online.

4. Use of Personal Devices

• Pupils are not allowed mobile phones or any personal device during school, unless a special arrangement has been made.

• Staff's personal devices are to be used appropriately and in accordance with the school's policy.

5. Social Media Security

• Pupils are not allowed to use social media at school.

• Staff should maintain professional boundaries when using social media and avoid interacting with pupils on personal platforms.

• The school will train pupils about the risks of using social media.

6. Cyberbullying

• Cyberbullying is taken seriously and any case will be thoroughly investigated.

• Pupils should report any digital bullying to a teacher or member of staff.

• The school will teach pupils how to respond to cyberbullying and inappropriate behavior online.

7. Data Protection and Privacy

• The personal information of pupils and staff will be protected in accordance with GDPR regulations.

• Staff and pupils should not share personal details by email or online without permission.

8. Training and Information

• The school will provide training sessions on e-safety for staff and pupils.

• Parents are encouraged to take part in activities that promote online safety.

9. Enforcement and Penalties

• Any breach of e-safety rules will be investigated and lead to appropriate action according to the school's discipline policy.

• Any inappropriate use of technology will be monitored and reported.

10. Review of the Policy

• This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure that it is up to date and relevant to new technological developments.

• E-safety is a joint responsibility for everyone in the school. By working together, we can create a safe and supportive environment for all children to learn and explore the digital world in a safe manner.

11. Useful Websites

Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) - https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/

Thinkuknow – https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/4_7/ and https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/band-runner/

UK Safety Internet Centre - https://saferinternet.org.uk

WiseKids - https://wisekids.org.uk/wk/

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