



# Online Safety Policy

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## **Park Way Primary School**

### **Online Safety Policy**

#### **Aims of this policy**

At Park Way School we believe that online safety (e-Safety) is an essential element of safeguarding children and adults in the digital world, when using technology such as computers, mobile phones or games consoles.

- Park Way Primary School identifies that the internet and information communication technologies are an important part of everyday life so children must be supported to be able to learn how to develop strategies to manage and respond to risk so they can be empowered to build resilience online.
- Park Way Primary School has a duty to provide the school community with quality Internet access to raise education standards, promote pupil achievement, support professional work of staff and enhance the schools management functions. Park Way Primary School also identifies that with this there is a clear duty to ensure that children are protected from potential harm online.

The purpose of Park Way Primary School online safety policy is to:

- Clearly identify the key principles expected of all members of the community with regards to the safe and responsible use technology to ensure that Park Way Primary School is a safe and secure environment.
- Safeguard and protect all members of our school community online.
- Raise awareness with all members of Park Way Primary School community regarding the potential risks as well as benefits of technology.
- To enable all staff to work safely and responsibly, to role model positive behaviour online and be aware of the need to manage their own standards and practice when using technology.
- Identify clear procedures to use when responding to online safety concerns that are known by all members of the community.
- This policy applies to all staff including the governing body, teachers, support staff, external contractors , visitors, volunteers and other individuals who work for or provide services on behalf of the school (collectively referred to as 'staff' in this policy) as well as children and parents/carers.

- This policy applies to all access to the internet and use of information communication devices **including personal devices** or where children, staff or other individuals have been provided with school issued devices for use off-site, such as a work laptop or mobile phone.
- This policy must be read in conjunction with other relevant school policies including (but not limited to) safeguarding and child protection, anti-bullying, behaviour, data security, image use, Acceptable Use Policies, confidentiality, Personal Social Health and Education (PSHE), Citizenship and Sex and Relationships education (SRE).

## Policy Development

- Park Way Primary School online safety policy has been written, building on the KCC online safety policy template with specialist advice and input as required.
- The policy has been approved and agreed by the Leadership/Management Team and governing body.
- The School has appointed a member of the Governing Body to take lead responsibility for online safety (e-Safety). **This person is currently Ralph Edwards.**
- **The Headteacher/DSL is the online safety lead**, working closely with the ICT subject leader, school technician and EIS Kent.
- The schools online safety (e-Safety) Policy and its implementation will be reviewed at least annually or sooner if required.

## Key responsibilities of the community

### The key responsibilities of the school leadership team and Governors are:

- Developing, owning and promoting the online safety vision and culture to all stakeholders in line with national and local best practice recommendations with appropriate support and consultation throughout the school community.
- Auditing and evaluating current online safety practice to identify strengths and areas for improvement.
- Supporting the online safety (e-Safety) lead in the development of an online safety culture within the school.
- Ensuring there are appropriate and up-to-date policies and procedures regarding online safety.
- To ensure that suitable, age-appropriate and relevant filtering is in place to protect children from inappropriate content (including extremist material) to meet the needs of the school community and ensuring that the filtering and school network system is actively monitored.
- Ensuring all members of staff receive regular, up-to-date and appropriate training regarding online safety roles and responsibilities and provide guidance regarding safe appropriate communications.
- Ensuring that online safety is embedded within the curriculum, which enables all pupils to develop an age-appropriate understanding of online safety and the associated risks and safe behaviours.
- Making appropriate resources available to support the development of an online safety culture.

- Taking responsibility for online safety incidents and liaising with external agencies as appropriate.
- Receiving and regularly reviewing online safety incident logs and using them to inform and shape future practice.
- Ensuring there are robust reporting channels for the school community to access regarding online safety concerns, including internal, local and national support.
- Ensure that appropriate risk assessments are undertaken regarding the safe use of technology, including ensuring the safe and responsible use of devices.
- To work with and support technical staff in monitoring the safety and security of schools systems and networks.
- To ensure a member of the Governing Body is identified with a lead responsibility for supporting online safety.

**The key responsibilities of the designated safeguarding/online safety lead (Karen Dhanecha) are:**

- Act as a named point of contact on all online safety issues and liaising with other members of staff and agencies as appropriate.
- Keep up-to-date with current research, legislation and trends.
- Coordinating participation in local and national events to promote positive online behaviour, e.g. Safer Internet Day.
- Ensure that online safety is promoted to parents and carers and the wider community through a variety of channels and approaches.
- Maintain an online safety incident/action log to record incidents and actions taken as part of the schools safeguarding recording structures and mechanisms.
- Monitor the school online safety incidents to identify gaps/trends and update the education response to reflect need and to report to the school leadership team, Governing Body and other agencies as appropriate.
- Liaise with the local authority and other local and national bodies as appropriate.
- Ensure that online safety policies, Acceptable Use Policies (AUPs) and other procedures are updated on a regular basis.
- Ensure that online safety is integrated with other appropriate school policies and procedures.
- Meet regularly with the governor with a lead responsibility for online safety.

**The key responsibilities of staff are;**

- Contributing to the development of online safety policies.
- Reading the school Acceptable Use Policies (AUPs) and adhering to them.
- Taking responsibility for the security of school/setting systems and data.
- Having an awareness of online safety issues, and how they relate to the children in their care.
- Modelling good practice in using new and emerging technologies and demonstrating an emphasis on positive learning opportunities rather than focusing on negatives.
- Embedding online safety education in curriculum delivery wherever possible.
- Identifying individuals of concern, and taking appropriate action by working with the designated safeguarding lead.

- Knowing when and how to escalate online safety issues, internally and externally.
- Being able to signpost to appropriate support available for online safety issues, internally and externally.
- Maintaining a professional level of conduct in their personal use of technology, both on and off site.
- Taking personal responsibility for professional development in this area.

### **The responsibilities for the ICT technician are:**

- Providing a safe and secure technical infrastructure which support safe online practices while ensuring that learning opportunities are still maximised.
- Taking responsibility for the implementation of safe security of systems and data in partnership with the leadership team and ICT subject leader.
- Ensuring that suitable access controls and encryption is implemented to protect personal and sensitive information held on school-owned devices.
- Ensuring that the schools filtering policy is applied and updated on a regular basis and that responsibility for its implementation is shared with the DSL.
- Ensuring that the use of the setting's network is regularly monitored in order that any deliberate or accidental misuse can be reported to the DSL.
- Developing an understanding of the relevant legislation as it relates to the security and safety of the technical infrastructure.
- Providing technical support and perspective to the online safety lead and leadership team, especially in the development and implementation of appropriate online safety policies and procedures.
- Ensuring that appropriate anti-virus software and system updates are installed and maintained on all setting machines and portable devices.

### **The key responsibilities of our pupils are:**

- Contributing to the development of online safety policies.
- Reading the school/setting Acceptable Use Policies (AUPs) and adhering to them.
- Respecting the feelings and rights of others both on and offline.
- Seeking help from a trusted adult if things go wrong, and supporting others that may be experiencing online safety issues.

At a level that is appropriate to their individual age, ability and vulnerabilities:

- Taking responsibility for keeping themselves and others safe online.
- Taking responsibility for their own awareness and learning in relation to the opportunities and risks posed by new and emerging technologies.
- Assessing the personal risks of using any particular technology, and behaving safely and responsibly to limit those risks.

### **The key responsibilities of Park Way parents and carers are;**

- Reading the school/setting Acceptable Use Policies, encouraging their children to adhere to them, and adhering to them themselves where appropriate.

- Discussing online safety issues with their children, supporting the school in their online safety approaches, and reinforcing appropriate safe online behaviours at home.
- Role modelling safe and appropriate uses of new and emerging technology.
- Identifying changes in behaviour that could indicate that their child is at risk of harm online.
- Seeking help and support from the school, or other appropriate agencies, if they or their child encounters online problems or concerns.
- Contributing to the further development of the school online safety policies.
- Using school systems, such as learning platforms, and other network resources, safely and appropriately.
- Taking responsibility for their own awareness and learning in relation to the opportunities and risks posed by new and emerging technologies.

### **Online Communication and Safer Use of Technology**

#### **The school website**

- The school will ensure that information posted on the school website meets the requirements as identified by the Department for Education.
- The contact details on the website will be the school address, email and telephone number. Staff or pupils' personal information will not be published.
- The head teacher will take overall editorial responsibility for online content published by the school and will ensure that content published is accurate and appropriate.
- The school website will comply with the school's guidelines for publications including respect for intellectual property rights, privacy policies and copyright.
- Email addresses will be published carefully online, to avoid being harvested for spam (e.g. by replacing '@' with 'AT'.)
- Pupils' learning/pictures will only be published with the prior permission of parents/carers.
- The administrator account for the school website will be safeguarded with an appropriately strong password.
- The school will post information about safeguarding, including online safety, on the school website.
- The school website has a "worry box online" button managed by the school pastoral team.

#### **Publishing images and videos online**

- The school will ensure that all images are used in accordance with the school image use policy.

#### **Managing email**

- Pupils may only use school/setting provided email accounts for educational purposes.
- All members of staff are provided with a specific school email address to use for any official communication.
- The use of personal email addresses by staff for any official school business is not permitted.
- The forwarding of any chain messages/emails etc. is not permitted. Spam or junk mail will be blocked and reported to the email provider.

- Any electronic communication which contains any content which could be subject to data protection legislation must only be sent using secure and encrypted methods.
- Members of the school community must immediately tell a designated member of staff if they receive offensive communication and this should be recorded in the school online safety incident log.
- Sensitive or personal information will only be shared via email in accordance with data protection legislation.
- Whole -class or group email addresses may be used for communication outside of the school
- Access in school to external personal e-mail accounts may be blocked.
- Social email use can interfere with learning and will not be allowed in school.
- Email sent to external organisations should be written carefully and authorised before sending, in the same way as a letter written on school headed paper would be.
- School email addresses and other official contact details will not be used for setting up personal social media accounts.

### **Official video-conferencing and webcam use**

- All videoconferencing equipment in the classroom will be switched off when not in use and where appropriate, not set to auto answer.
- Equipment connected to the educational broadband network will use the national E.164 numbering system and display their H.323 ID name.
- External IP addresses will not be made available to other sites.
- Videoconferencing contact information will not be put on the school website.
- The equipment will be kept securely and if necessary locked away when not in use.
- School videoconferencing equipment will not be taken off school premises without permission.
- Responsibility for the use of the videoconferencing equipment outside school time will be established with care.
- Staff will ensure that external videoconference are suitably risk assessed and that accounts and systems used to access events are appropriately safe and secure.
- Videoconferencing is a challenging activity with a wide range of learning benefits. Preparation and evaluation are essential to the whole activity.

**The Headteacher is to be made aware of all videoconferencing activities in advance and will advise on best current practice and safeguards.**

### **Appropriate and safe classroom use of the internet and associated devices**

- The school's internet access will be designed to enhance and extend education.
- Access levels to the internet will be reviewed to reflect the curriculum requirements and the age and ability of pupils.
- Pupils will use age and ability appropriate tools to search the Internet for content.
- Internet use is a key feature of educational access and all children will receive age and ability appropriate education to support and enable them to develop strategies to respond to concerns as part of an embedded whole school curriculum.

- The school will ensure that the use of Internet-derived materials by staff and pupils complies with copyright law and acknowledge the source of information.
- All members of staff are aware that they cannot rely on filtering alone to safeguard children and supervision, classroom management and education about safe and responsible use is essential.
- Pupils will be adequately supervised. Pupils will use age-appropriate search engines and online tools and online activities will be teacher-directed where necessary. Children will be directed to online material and resources which support the learning outcomes planned for the pupils' age and ability.
- All school owned devices will be used in accordance with the school Acceptable Use Policy and with appropriate safety and security measures in place. Their use is closely monitored.
- Pupils will be educated in the effective use of the Internet in research, including the skills of knowledge location, retrieval and evaluation.
- The school will use age appropriate search tools. The ICT subject leader or technician can advise on this.
- The school will use the internet to enable pupils and staff to communicate and collaborate in a safe and secure environment.
- Pupils will be taught to be critically aware of the materials they read and shown how to validate information before accepting its accuracy.
- The evaluation of online materials is a part of teaching and learning in every subject and will be viewed as a whole-school requirement across the curriculum.
- Members of staff will always evaluate websites, tools and apps fully before use in the classroom or recommending for use at home.

### **Social Media Policy**

**At present the governors of the school have decided that the school will not have it's own social media presence.**

- Expectations regarding safe and responsible use of social media will apply to all members of our school community and exist in order to safeguard both the school and the wider community, on and offline. Examples of social media may include blogs, wikis, social networking, forums, bulletin boards, multiplayer online gaming, apps, video/photo sharing sites, chatrooms, instant messenger and many others.
- All members of our school community will be encouraged to engage in social media in a positive, safe and responsible manner at all times.
- Information about safe and responsible use of social media will be communicated clearly and regularly to all members of our school community.
- Everyone is advised not to publish specific and detailed private thoughts, concerns, pictures or messages on any social media services, especially content that may be considered threatening, hurtful or defamatory to others.
- The school will not allow access to social media and social networking sites whilst on site and using school provided devices and systems
- The use of social networking applications during school hours for personal use is not permitted,



- Any concerns regarding the online conduct of any member of our school community on social media sites should be reported to the school leadership team and will be managed in accordance with existing school policies such as anti-bullying, allegations against staff, behaviour and safeguarding/child protection.
- Any breaches of school policy may result in criminal, disciplinary or civil action being taken and this will depend upon the age of those involved and the circumstances of the wrong committed. Action taken will be in accordance with the relevant school policies, such as anti-bullying, allegations against staff, behaviour and safeguarding/child protection.

- **Staff official use of social media**

- Staff will not use social media on behalf of the school and any interactions with social media will be pre approved by the Headteacher.
- Staff will not engage with any direct or private messaging with pupils or parents/carers through social media and should communicate via school communication channels.

- **Staff personal use of social media**

- Personal use of social networking, social media and personal publishing sites will be discussed with all members of staff as part of staff induction and will be revisited and communicated via regular staff training opportunities.
- Safe and professional behaviour will be outlined for all members of staff (including volunteers) as part of the school Acceptable Use Policy.
- All members of staff are advised not to communicate with or add as 'friends' any current or past pupils or current or past pupils' family members via any personal social media sites, applications or profiles. Any pre-existing relationships or exceptions that may compromise this will be discussed with the Headteacher.
- If ongoing contact with pupils is required once they have left the school roll, then members of staff will be expected to use existing alumni networks or use official school provided communication tools.
- All communication between staff and members of the school community on school business will take place via official approved communication channels, such as school email address or phone numbers. Staff must not use personal accounts or information to make contact with pupils or parents, nor should any contact be accepted, except in circumstance whereby prior approval has been given by the Headteacher.
- Any communication from pupils/parents received on personal social media accounts will be reported to the schools designated safeguarding lead.
- Information staff members have access to as part of their employment, including photos and personal information about pupils and their family members, colleagues etc. will not be shared or discussed on personal social media sites.
- All members of staff are strongly advised to safeguard themselves and their privacy when using social media sites. This will include being aware of location sharing services, setting the privacy levels of their personal sites as strictly as they can, opting out of public listings on social networking sites, logging out of accounts after use and keeping passwords safe and confidential.
- All members of staff are encouraged to carefully consider the information, including text and images, they share and post online and should ensure that their social media use is

compatible with their professional role, in accordance with schools policies (safeguarding, confidentiality, data protection etc.) and the wider professional and legal framework.

- Members of staff will be encouraged to manage and control the content they share and post online. Advice will be provided to staff via staff training and by sharing appropriate guidance and resources on a regular basis.
- Members of staff will notify the Leadership/Management Team immediately if they consider that any content shared or posted via any information and communications technology, including emails or social networking sites conflicts with their role in the school/setting.
- Members of staff are encouraged not to identify themselves as employees of Park Way Primary School on their personal social networking accounts. This is to prevent information on these sites from being linked with the school and also to safeguard the privacy of staff members and the wider school community.
- Members of staff will ensure that they do not represent their personal views as that of the school on social media.
- School email addresses should not be used for setting up personal social media accounts.

### **Pupils' use of social media**

- Safe and responsible use of social media sites will be outlined for pupils and their parents as part of the school Acceptable Use Policy.
- Pupils will be advised to consider the risks of sharing personal details of any kind on social media sites which may identify them and / or their location. Examples would include real/full name, address, mobile or landline phone numbers, school attended, Instant messenger contact details, email addresses, full names of friends/family, specific interests and clubs etc.
- Pupils will be advised not to meet any online friends without a parent/carer or other responsible adult's permission and only when they can be present.
- Pupils will be advised on appropriate security on social media sites and will be encouraged to use safe and passwords, deny access to unknown individuals and be supported in learning how to block and report unwanted communications.
- Pupils will be encouraged to approve and invite known friends only on social networking sites and to deny access to others by making profiles private/protected.
- Any concerns regarding pupils' use of social networking, social media and personal publishing sites, both at home and at school, will be dealt with in accordance with existing school policies including anti-bullying and behaviour. Concerns will be raised with their parents/carers, particularly when concerning any underage use of social media sites.

### **Use of Personal Devices and Mobile Phones**

- The widespread ownership of mobile phones and a range of other personal devices among children, young people and adults will require all members Park Way School community to take steps to ensure that mobile phones and personal devices are used responsibly.
- The use of mobile phones and other personal devices by young people and adults will be decided by the school and covered in appropriate policies including the school Acceptable Use Policy.

- Park Way School recognises that personal communication through mobile technologies is an accepted part of everyday life for pupils, staff and parents/carers but requires that such technologies need to be used safely and appropriately.

### **Expectations for safe use of personal devices and mobile phones**

- Electronic devices of all kinds that are brought in to school are the responsibility of the user at all times. The school accepts no responsibility for the loss, theft or damage of such items. Nor will the school accept responsibility for any adverse health effects caused by any such devices either potential or actual.
- Mobile phones and personal devices are not permitted to be used by children during school hours and must be handed in at the school office, where they will be kept in a locked cabinet.
- The sending of abusive or inappropriate messages or content via mobile phones or personal devices is forbidden by any member of the school community and any breaches will be dealt with as part of the school discipline/behaviour policy.
- Members of staff will be issued with a school phone and a work email address where contact with pupils or parents/carers is required. (eg. Educational visits)
- All members of Park Way School community will be advised to take steps to protect their mobile phones or devices from loss, theft or damage.
- All members of Park Way School community will be advised to use passwords/pin numbers to ensure that unauthorised calls or actions cannot be made on their phones or devices if they are lost or stolen. Passwords and pin numbers should be kept confidential. Mobile phones and personal devices should not be shared.
- All members of Park Way School community will be advised to ensure that their mobile phones and personal devices do not contain any content which may be considered to be offensive, derogatory or would otherwise contravene the school/settings policies.
- School devices must always be used in accordance with the Acceptable Use Policy
- School devices used for communication with parents and pupils must be suitably protected via a passcode/password/pin and must only be accessed and used by members of staff.

### **Pupils use of personal devices and mobile phones**

- Pupils will be educated regarding the safe and appropriate use of personal devices and mobile phones.
- All use of mobile phones and personal devices by children is banned in school hours. These devices should be handed in to the school office at the start of the day.
- If a pupil needs to contact his/her parents/carers they will be allowed to use a school phone. Parents are advised not to attempt contact their child via their mobile phone during the school day, but to contact the school office.
- Pupils should protect their phone numbers by only giving them to trusted friends and family members. Pupils will be instructed in safe and appropriate use of mobile phones and personal devices and will be made aware of boundaries and consequences.

- If a pupil breaches the school policy then the phone or device will be confiscated and will be held in a secure place in the school office. Mobile phones and devices will be released to parents/carers in accordance with the school policy.
- School staff may confiscate a pupil's mobile phone or device if they believe it is being used to contravene the schools behaviour or bullying policy. The phone or device may be searched by a member of the Leadership team. Searches of mobile phone or personal devices will be carried out in accordance with the schools policy.
- If there is suspicion that material on a pupil's personal device or mobile phone may be illegal or may provide evidence relating to a criminal offence then the device will be handed over to the police for further investigation.

### **Staff use of personal devices and mobile phones**

- Members of staff are not permitted to use their own personal phones or devices for contacting children, young people and their families within or outside of the setting in a professional capacity. Any pre-existing relationships which could compromise this must be discussed with leaders/managers.
- Staff will not use personal devices such as mobile phones, tablets or cameras to take photos or videos of children and will only use work-provided equipment for this purpose.
- Staff will not use any personal devices directly with children and will only use work-provided equipment during lessons/educational activities.
- Staff will not take personal mobile phones and devices into classrooms whilst teaching.
- Personal mobile phones or devices will not be used during teaching periods unless permission has been given by a member of the Leadership Team in emergency circumstances.
- Staff will ensure that any content bought on site via mobile phones and personal devices are compatible with their professional role and expectations.
- If a member of staff breaches the school/setting policy then disciplinary action will be taken.
- If a member of staff is thought to have illegal content saved or stored on a mobile phone or personal device or have committed a criminal offence then the police will be contacted and allegations will be responding to following the allegations management policy.

### **Visitors use of personal devices and mobile phones**

- Parents/carers and visitors must use mobile phones and personal devices in accordance with the schools policy.
- The school will ensure appropriate signage and information is displayed and provided to inform visitors of expectations of use.
- Staff and children will be expected to challenge concerns when safe and appropriate and will always inform the Designated Safeguarding Lead of any breaches of use by visitors.

### **Reducing online risks**

- The staff and Governors of Park Way are aware that the Internet is a constantly changing environment with new apps, tools, devices, sites and material emerging at a rapid pace.

- Emerging technologies will be examined for educational benefit and the school leadership team will ensure that appropriate risk assessments are carried out before use in school is allowed.
- The school will ensure that appropriate filtering systems are in place to prevent staff and pupils from accessing unsuitable or illegal content. Currently these systems are provided by EIS.
- The school will take all reasonable precautions to ensure that users access only appropriate material. However, due to the global and connected nature of Internet content, it is not possible to guarantee that access to unsuitable material will never occur via a school computer or device.
- The school will audit technology use to establish if the online safety (e–Safety) policy is adequate and that the implementation of the policy is appropriate.
- Methods to identify, assess and minimise online risks will be reviewed regularly by the schools leadership team.
- Filtering decisions, internet access and device use by pupils and staff will be reviewed regularly by the schools leadership team.

### **Internet use throughout the wider school/setting community**

- The school will liaise with local organisations to establish a common approach to online safety (e–Safety).
- The school will provide an Acceptable Use Policy for any guest/visitor who needs to access the school computer system or internet on site

### **Authorising internet access**

- The school will maintain a current record of all staff and pupils who are granted access to the school’s electronic communications.
- All staff, pupils and visitors will read and sign the School Acceptable Use Policy before using any school ICT resources.
- Parents will be informed that pupils will be provided with supervised Internet access which is appropriate to their age and ability.
- Parents will be asked to read the School Acceptable Use Policy for pupil access and discuss it with their child, where appropriate.

### **Engagement and education of children**

- Education about safe and responsible use will precede internet access.
- Pupils’ input will be sought when writing and developing school online safety policies and practices.
- Pupils will be supported in reading and understanding the school Acceptable Use Policy in a way which suits their age and ability.
- All users will be informed that network and Internet use will be monitored.
- Online safety (e–Safety) will be included in the PSHE, SRE, Citizenship and Computing programmes of study covering both safe school and home use.
- Safe and responsible use of the Internet and technology will be reinforced across the curriculum and within all subject areas.

- External support will be used to complement and support the schools internal online safety (e-Safety) education approaches.

### **Engagement and education of staff**

- The online safety (e-Safety) policy will be formally provided to and discussed with all members of staff as part of induction and will be reinforced and highlighted as part of school safeguarding practice.
- To protect all staff and pupils, the school will implement an Acceptable Use Policy which highlights appropriate online conduct and communication.
- Staff will be made aware that Internet traffic can be monitored and traced to the individual user. Discretion and professional conduct is essential.
- Members of staff with a responsibility for managing filtering systems or monitor ICT use will be supervised by the Leadership Team and will have clear procedures for reporting issues or concerns.
- The school will highlight useful online tools which staff should use with children in the classroom. These tools will vary according to the age and ability of the pupils.
- All members of staff will be made aware that their online conduct out of school could have an impact on their role and reputation within school. Civil, legal or disciplinary action could be taken if they are found to bring the profession or institution into disrepute, or if something is felt to have undermined confidence in their professional abilities.

### **Engagement and education of parents and carers**

- Park Way School recognises that parents/carers have an essential role to play in enabling children to become safe and responsible users of the internet and digital technology.
- Parents' attention will be drawn to the school online safety (e-Safety) policy and expectations in newsletters, letters, and on the school website.
- A partnership approach to online safety at home and at school with parents will be encouraged. This may include offering parent evenings with demonstrations and suggestions for safe home Internet use or highlighting online safety at other well attended events e.g. parent evenings, transition events, fetes and sports days.
- Parents will be encouraged to read the school Acceptable Use Policy for pupils and discuss its implications with their children.
- Information and guidance for parents on online safety will be made available to parents in a variety of formats.
- Parents will be encouraged to role model positive behaviour for their children online.

## **Managing Information Systems**

### **Managing personal data online**

- Personal data will be recorded, processed, transferred and made available according to the Data Protection Act 1998.
- Full information regarding the schools approach to data protection and information governance can be found in the data handling and fair processing documents available from the school office.

## Security and Management of Information Systems

- The security of the school information systems and users will be reviewed regularly.
- Virus protection will be updated regularly.
- Portable media may not be used without specific permission followed by an anti-virus /malware scan.
- Unapproved software will not be allowed in work areas or attached to email.
- Files held on the school's network will be regularly checked.
- The ICT Technician will review system capacity regularly.
- The appropriate use of user logins and passwords to access the school network will be enforced for all but the youngest users.
- **All users will be expected to log off or lock their screens/devices if systems are unattended.**
- The school will log and record internet use on all school owned devices.

### Password policy

- Generic passwords are provided for supply staff and these include a very basic level of access to computer systems.
- All users will be informed not to share passwords or information with others and not to login as another user at any time.
- Staff and pupils must always keep their password private and must not share it with others or leave it where others can find it.
- All members of staff will have their own unique username and private passwords to access school systems. Members of staff are responsible for keeping their password private.
- Pupils are provided with their own unique username and private passwords to access school systems. Pupils are responsible for keeping their password private.
- We require staff and pupils to use STRONG passwords for access into our system.

### Filtering Decisions

- The school's internet access strategy will be dependent on the need and requirements of our community and will therefore be designed to suit the age and curriculum requirements of our pupils, with advice from technical, educational and safeguarding staff.
- The school uses educational filtered secure broadband connectivity through the KPSN which is appropriate to the age and requirement of our pupils.
- The school uses Light Speed filtering system which blocks sites that fall into categories such as pornography, racial hatred, extremism, gaming, sites of an illegal nature, etc.
- The school will ensure that age and ability appropriate filtering is in place whilst using school devices and systems to try and prevent staff and pupils from being accidentally or deliberately exposed to unsuitable content.
- The school will have a clear procedure for reporting breaches of filtering and unsuitable sites which all members of the school community (all staff and all pupils) will be made aware of. **Breaches should be reported to the ICT technician and who will liaise with the Headteacher.**

- The School filtering system will block all sites on the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) list.
- Any material that the school believes is illegal will be reported to appropriate agencies such as IWF, Kent Police or CEOP immediately.

### **Management of applications (apps) used to record children's progress**

- The headteacher/manager is ultimately responsible for the security of any data or images held of children.
- Apps/systems which store personal data will be risk assessed prior to use.
- **Personal staff mobile phones or devices will not be used for any apps which record and store children's personal details, attainment or photographs.**
- Staff and parents/carers will be advised on safety measures to protect all members of the community such as using strong passwords, logging out of systems etc.

### **Responding to Online Incidents and Concerns**

- All members of the school/setting community will be informed about the procedure for reporting online safety (e-Safety) concerns (such as breaches of filtering, cyberbullying, illegal content etc.).
- The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) will be informed of any online safety (e-Safety) incidents involving child protection concerns, which will then be recorded.
- The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) will ensure that online safety concerns are escalated and reported to relevant agencies in line with the Kent Safeguarding Children Board thresholds and procedures.
- Complaints about Internet misuse will be dealt with under the School's complaints procedure.
- Complaints about online bullying will be dealt with under the School's anti-bullying policy and procedure
- Any complaint about staff misuse will be referred to the head teacher who may refer this to the LADO ( Local Authority Designated Officer)
- Any allegations against a member of staff's online conduct will be discussed with the LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer).
- Staff will be informed of the complaints and whistleblowing procedure.
- All members of the school community will need to be aware of the importance of confidentiality and the need to follow the official school procedures for reporting concerns.
- All members of the school community will be reminded about safe and appropriate behaviour online and the importance of not posting any content, comments, images or videos online which cause harm, distress or offence to any other members of the school community.
- The school will manage online safety (e-Safety) incidents in accordance with the school discipline/behaviour policy where appropriate.
- After any investigations are completed, the school will debrief, identify lessons learnt and implement any changes as required.
- Where there is cause for concern or fear that illegal activity has taken place or is taking place then the school will contact the Education Safeguards Team or Kent Police via 999 if there is immediate danger or risk of harm.



- The use of computer systems without permission or for inappropriate purposes could constitute a criminal offence under the Computer Misuse Act 1990 and breaches will be reported to Kent Police.
- If the school is unsure how to proceed with any incidents of concern, then the incident will be escalated to the Education Safeguarding Team.
- Parents and children will need to work in partnership with the school to resolve issues.

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## **Appendix A**

### **Procedures for Responding to Specific Online Incidents or Concerns – *Based on advice from Kent Safeguarding Team***

#### **Responding to concerns regarding Self-Generated Indecent Images of Children (SGIIOC or “Sexting”)**

- Staff will ensure that all members of the community are made aware of the social, psychological and criminal consequences of sharing, possessing and creating incident images of children (known as “sexting”).
- The school will implement preventative approaches via a range of age and ability appropriate educational approaches for pupils, staff and parents/carers.
- The school views “sexting” as a safeguarding issue and all concerns will be reported to and dealt with by the Designated Safeguarding Lead (*Karen Dhanecha, Headteacher*).
- If the school are made aware of incident involving indecent images of a child the school will:
  1. Act in accordance with the school’s safeguarding policy and the relevant Kent Safeguarding Child Boards procedures.
  2. Immediately notify the designated safeguarding lead.
  3. Store the device securely.
  4. Assess the immediate risks in relation to the children(s) involved.
  5. Consider the vulnerabilities of children(s) involved (including carrying out relevant checks with other agencies)
  6. Make a referral to children’s social care and/or the police (as needed/appropriate).
  7. Put the necessary safeguards in place for children e.g. offer counselling support and immediate protection and offer appropriate pastoral support for those involved.
  8. Inform parents/carers about the incident and how it is being managed.
  9. Implement appropriate sanctions in accordance with the schools behaviour policy but taking care not to further traumatise victims where possible.
  10. Review the handling of any incidents to ensure that the school is implementing best practice and the leadership team will review and update any school procedures where necessary.
- The school will not view the image unless there is a clear need or reason to do so.
- The school will not send, share or save indecent images of children and will not allow or request children to do so.
- If an indecent image has been taken or shared on the school network or devices then the school will take action to block access to all users and isolate the image.
- The school will need to involve or consult the police if images are considered to be illegal.
- The school will take action regarding indecent images, regardless of the use of school equipment or personal equipment, both on and off the premises.
- The school will follow the guidance (including the decision making flow chart and risk assessment template) as set out in “‘Sexting’ in schools: advice and support around self-generated images. What to do and how to handle it”.
- The school will ensure that all members of the community are aware of sources of support.

#### **Responding to concerns regarding Online Child Sexual Abuse**

- The Designated Safeguarding Lead will ensure that all members of the community are made aware of online child sexual abuse, including exploitation and grooming including the consequences, possible approaches which may be employed by offenders to target children and how to respond to concerns.
- The school will implement preventative approaches for online child sexual abuse via a range of age and ability appropriate educational approaches for pupils, staff and parents/carers.
- The school views online child sexual abuse as a safeguarding issue and all concerns will be reported to and dealt with by the Designated Safeguarding Lead (*Karen Dhanecha Headteacher*)
- If the school is unclear if a criminal offence has been committed then the Designated Safeguarding Lead will obtain advice immediately through the Education Safeguarding Team and/or Kent Police.
- If the school are made aware of incident involving online child sexual abuse of a child then the school will:
  - Act in accordance with the schools child protection and safeguarding policy and the relevant Kent Safeguarding Child Boards procedures.
  - Immediately notify the designated safeguarding lead.
  - Store any devices involved securely.
  - Immediately inform Kent police via 101 (using 999 if a child is at immediate risk) or alternatively to CEOP by using the Click CEOP report form: <http://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>
  - Where appropriate the school will involve and empower children to report concerns regarding online child sexual abuse
  - Carry out a risk assessment which considers any vulnerabilities of pupil(s) involved (including carrying out relevant checks with other agencies).
  - Make a referral to children's social care (if needed/appropriate).
  - Put the necessary safeguards in place for pupil(s) e.g. offer counselling support and immediate protection and offer appropriate pastoral support for those involved.
  - Inform parents/carers about the incident and how it is being managed.
  - Review the handling of any incidents to ensure that the school is implementing best practice and the school leadership team will review and update any management procedures where necessary.
- The school will take action regarding online child sexual abuse regardless of the use of school equipment or personal equipment, both on and off the school premises.
- The school will ensure that all members of the community are aware of sources of support regarding online child sexual abuse.
- If pupils at other schools are believed to have been targeted then the school will seek support from the Education Safeguarding Team to enable other schools to take appropriate action to safeguard their community.
- The school will ensure that the Click CEOP report button is visible and available to pupils and other members of the school community, for example including the CEOP report button on the school website

## **Responding to concerns regarding Indecent Images of Children (IIOC)**

- The Designated Safeguarding Lead will ensure that all members of the community are made aware of the criminal nature of Indecent Images of Children (IIOC) including the possible consequences.
  - The school will take action regarding of Indecent Images of Children (IIOC) regardless of the use of school/setting equipment or personal equipment, both on and off the premises.
  - The school will take action to prevent access accidental access to of Indecent Images of Children (IIOC) for example using an internet Service provider (ISP) which subscribes to the Internet Watch Foundation block list, implementing appropriate web filtering, implementing firewalls and anti-spam software.
  - If the school is unclear if a criminal offence has been committed then the Designated Safeguarding Lead will obtain advice immediately through the Education Safeguarding Team and/or Kent Police.
- If the school/setting are made aware of Indecent Images of Children (IIOC) then the school will:
    - Act in accordance with the schools child protection and safeguarding policy and the relevant Kent Safeguarding Child Boards procedures.
    - Immediately notify the school Designated Safeguard Lead.
    - Store any devices involved securely.
    - Immediately inform appropriate organisations e.g. the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF), Kent police via 101 (using 999 if a child is at immediate risk) and/or the LADO (if there is an allegation against a member of staff).
- If the school are made aware that a member of staff or a pupil has been inadvertently exposed to indecent images of children whilst using the internet then the school will:
    - Ensure that the Designated Safeguard Lead is informed.
    - Ensure that the URLs (webpage addresses) which contain the suspect images are reported to the Internet Watch Foundation via [www.iwf.org.uk](http://www.iwf.org.uk) .
    - Ensure that any copies that exist of the image, for example in emails, are deleted.
    - Inform the parents of the child(ren) affected.
- If the school are made aware that indecent images of children have been found on the schools electronic devices then the school will:
    - Ensure that the Designated Safeguard Lead is informed.
    - Ensure that the URLs (webpage addresses) which contain the suspect images are reported to the Internet Watch Foundation via [www.iwf.org.uk](http://www.iwf.org.uk) .
    - Ensure that any copies that exist of the image, for example in emails, are deleted.
    - Inform the police via 101 (999 if there is an immediate risk of harm) and children's social services (as appropriate).
    - Only store copies of images (securely, where no one else has access to them and delete all other copies) at the request of the police only.
- If the school are made aware that a member of staff is found in possession of indecent images of children on their electronic device provided by the school, then the school will:
    - Ensure that the Designated Safeguard Lead is informed or another member of staff in accordance with the school whistleblowing procedure.

- Contact the police regarding the images and quarantine any devices involved until police advice has been sought.
- Inform the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) and other relevant organisations in accordance with the schools managing allegations policy.
- Follow the appropriate school policies regarding conduct.

### **Responding to concerns regarding radicalisation or extremism online**

- The school will take all reasonable precautions to ensure that children are safe from terrorist and extremist material when accessing the internet in schools and that suitable filtering is in place which takes into account the needs of pupils. Schools will need to highlight specifically how internet use will be monitored either here or within subsequent sections.
- When concerns are noted by staff that a child may be at risk of radicalisation online then the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) will be informed immediately and action will be taken in line with the school safeguarding policy.

### **Responding to concerns regarding cyberbullying**

- Cyberbullying, along with all other forms of bullying, of any member of our school community will not be tolerated. Full details are set out in the school policies regarding anti-bullying and behaviour.
- All incidents of online bullying reported will be recorded.
- There are clear procedures in place to investigate incidents or allegations and support anyone in the school community affected by online bullying.
- If the school is unclear if a criminal offence has been committed then the Designated Safeguarding Lead will obtain advice immediately through the Education Safeguarding Team and/or Kent Police.
- Pupils, staff and parents/carers will be advised to keep a record of the bullying as evidence.
- The school will take steps to identify the bully where possible and appropriate. This may include examining school system logs, identifying and interviewing possible witnesses, and contacting the service provider and the police, if necessary.
- Pupils, staff and parents/carers will be required to work with the school to support the approach to cyberbullying and the schools e-Safety ethos.
- Where cyberbullying takes place outside school premises and hours, it is critical that the parents/carers work with the school and take responsibility for their children's actions and behaviour whilst the school cannot directly supervise them. Cyberbullying is a difficult and emotive issue to deal with and all adults must work together to protect all the children involved. This includes not only attending to the needs of victims, but also the care and education of those children who bully and may not realise the consequences of their actions.
- Sanctions for those involved in online or cyberbullying may include:
  - Those involved will be asked to remove any material deemed to be inappropriate or offensive.
  - A service provider may be contacted to remove content if those involved refuse to or are unable to delete content.

- Internet access may be suspended at school for the user for a period of time. Other sanctions for pupils and staff may also be used in accordance to the schools anti-bullying, behaviour policy or Acceptable Use Policy.
- Parent/carers of pupils involved in online bullying will be informed.
- The Police will be contacted if a criminal offence is suspected.

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