



## Online Safety Policy

Online safety is an integral part of safeguarding. This policy sets out our approach to online safety to empower, protect and educate learners and staff in their use of technology. It establishes mechanisms to identify, intervene in, and escalate any concerns where appropriate

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## 1. Statement of Intent

The online safety policy is intended to demonstrate the organisation's commitment to:

- Ensuring the safety and wellbeing of children, young people and adults is paramount when using the internet, social media or mobile devices.
- Providing staff and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to online safety.
- Ensuring that, as an organisation, we operate in line with our values and within the law in terms of how we use online devices.

This policy applies to all members of Discovery Trust including staff, students, advisory board members, volunteers, parents, carers, visitors, and community users who have access to and are users of Trust digital technology systems, both in and out of the Trust.

## 2. Linked policies

This policy statement should be read alongside our organisational policies and procedures, including:

- Acceptable Use policy (KS1 & KS2)
- Anti-Bullying Policy (including Cyberbullying)
- Document Retention Management Policy
- GDPR Data Protection Strategy
- Mental Health and Wellbeing Policy
- Mobile Phone and Smart technology policy (linked 11.2)
- RSE and Health Education Policy
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Student Behaviour Policy
- Social Media Policy
- Special Educational Needs and Disability Policy
- Home Learning Protocol Policy
- AI Governance Guidance

Staff related Policies and Procedures:

- Acceptable Use policy
- Disciplinary Policy and Procedure
- Mobile Phone and Loaned Property Policy
- Staff handbook which includes Staff Code of Conduct
- Staff Wellbeing Policy
- Trust Platform Working document

The above list is not exhaustive but when undertaking development or planning of any kind the school will consider the implications for online safety.

### **3. Key Roles and Responsibilities**

The school takes a whole-school approach to online safety and all stakeholders are responsible for ensuring that effective policies and procedures are maintained and upheld. It is expected that all staff and volunteers read and understand this policy and implement it consistently.

#### **3.1 Governance**

Trustees and Advisory Board Members and play an important part in monitoring the online safety provision across the trust and within schools. They have a responsibility to keep up to date with online safety by receiving appropriate online safety training (delivered by Trust Online Safety Lead).

##### **The Trust Board is responsible for:**

- Reviewing and approving this policy.
- Monitoring the effectiveness of the policy at a Trust level by reviewing data and reports from the Trust Online Safety Lead and Trust Safeguarding Lead.
- Appointing a designated Trustee with oversight of safeguarding and online safety at a trust level. It is the role of the lead trustee to meet with the Trust Safeguarding Lead regularly to ensure any weaknesses are addressed.
- Agreeing and adhering to the terms on acceptable use of the Trust's ICT systems and the internet.
- Developing individual knowledge and understanding to ask the right questions and professionally challenge and test what happens in schools and across the Trust.

##### **The school Advisory Board is responsible for:**

- Adopting this policy locally ensuring it meets the needs of the school.
- Monitoring the effectiveness of the policy at a school level by monitoring data and audit reports for the Trust Online Safety Lead and Trust Safeguarding Lead.
- Appointing a designated Advisory Board Member with oversight of safeguarding and online safety at a school level. It is the role of the lead Advisory Board Member to meet with the school Safeguarding Lead regularly to ensure any weaknesses are addressed.
- Ensuring that school's are meeting the DFE filtering and monitoring requirements and a nominated member oversees it's implementation.
- Agreeing and adhering to the terms on acceptable use of the Trust's ICT systems and the internet.
- Developing individual knowledge and understanding to ask the right questions and professionally challenge and test what happens in school.

#### **3.2 Trust Online Safety Lead**

The role of Online Safety lead forms part of the Trust's safeguarding team. The Trust Online Safety Lead will receive regular training on online safety and be aware of the potential for serious child protection and/or safeguarding issues that may arise from the online world. They will have overall oversight of the trust's online safety strategy. Key responsibilities:

- Delivering training trust-wide to school online safety DSLs
- Monitoring online safety in schools through yearly audits\*
- Ensuring support mechanisms are in place for schools dealing with complex situations.
- Regularly updating trust leaders on the progress made with online safety, as well as reporting data to the trust board.
- Ensuring that there are robust protocols in place for both monitoring and reporting online safety issues.
- Ensuring all staff adhere to the policies and procedures around online safety. E.g. acceptable use policies and loan equipment agreements.
- Responsible for actioning the annual review of the online safety policy.

\*The Trust Online Safety Lead will use the SWGFL 360 Safe audit as part of its yearly online safety audit with the expectation that all trust schools move towards obtaining the Online Safety Mark Certification. Details of this can be found here: <https://swgfl.org.uk/products/360-degree-safe/>  
The purpose of these audits is to ensure the school continues to:

- Review and develop its online safety strategy.
- To find and action any areas of development within the school online safety programme.

### **3.3 Head Teachers/Head of Schools and SLT**

Head teachers / Head of school and members of SLT take overall responsibility in ensuring that all staff and students understand and follow the policies and procedures of online safety.

Key responsibilities:

- To liaise with the Online Safety DSL about the development of the school's online safety strategy.
- Support the Online Safety DSL in carrying out their role.
- Review the online safety curriculum with the Online Safety DSL.
- Share the online safety audit report and actions to the Advisory Board.
- To know the procedures in the event of serious online safety allegations against a member of staff.
- Responsible for ensuring the Online Safety Lead is given time to receive suitable training to support them in their role.
- Ensure all staff understand this policy and that it's implemented consistently.
- Reviews the school's infrastructure/network with the Director of IT or Senior Technician to ensure it is safe and fit for purpose.

### **3.4 School Online Safety Lead**

This role will be part of the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead team. The Online Safety DSL will be trained in online safety issues and be aware of the potential for serious child protection/safeguarding issues. Key responsibilities:

- Responsibility for online safety issues in school.
- Liaise with Trust Online Safety Lead on the school's online safety development and strategy.
- Liaise with external agencies where necessary.
- Provide regular reports on online safety in school to the headteacher/head of school.
- Keep up to date with current legislation, developments, and resources.
- Provide training and advice for all staff across school.
- Lead role in personalising policies/documents.
- Attends any relevant meetings with Advisory Board members and updates them on progress of online safety.
- Ensure student voice is considered as part of online safety development/strategy.
- Liaise with the Trust in the event of serious incidents.
- Ensure all online safety incidents are logged onto CPOMs, providing training for staff where necessary.

The school online safety lead for Kibworth is Mick Beck.

### **3.5 School IT Technicians**

School IT technicians are the first line of defense against online safety, and they play a huge role in ensuring that students and staff are kept safe. Key responsibilities are to:

- Ensure that school networks are secure and safe to use.
- Regularly monitor school networks and internet.
- implement and update monitoring software/systems as requested by Trust's senior technical team.
- Ensure that only authorised users can access the network, and these users adhere to the trust's password policy.
- Ensure that they keep up to date with relevant online safety updates.
- Ensure that filtering policies are applied to the correct users.
- Ensure that any filtering request changes are liaised and agreed with head teachers / SLT before actioning.
- Ensure that any online safety incidents are sent to class teachers and SLT for actioning.
- Management of Office365 and ensuring policies and procedures are being followed.

### **3.6 Teaching and Support Staff**

Teachers and support staff are the day-to-day contact for students and therefore responsible for promoting safe online safety behaviour. Key responsibilities are to:



- Ensure they attend any relevant training that is issued by the headteacher or Online Safety DSL.
- Ensure that they adhere to the policies and procedures relating to online safety. E.g., acceptable use policy, loan agreement form, staff handbook.
- Support students understanding and ensure they follow online safety procedures and policies.
- Ensure that where there is pre-planned internet use, students are guided to sites that are suitable.
- Report any online safety concerns to the online safety DSL.
- Ensure policies around mobile phones are enforced with all students.
- Ensure digital communications with students/parents/carers on carried out using official school systems and that conversations always remain professional.
- Ensure they deliver the online safety curriculum to all students.
- Ensure online safety issues are embedded into all aspects of the curriculum.

### **3.7 Students**

Students are responsible for:

- Ensuring that they use the digital technology systems in accordance with the student acceptable use policy.
- Understanding the importance of reporting abuse, misuse or access to inappropriate material.
- Adhering to the school mobile phone policies and are aware of the consequences if they don't follow this.
- Understanding the need for good online safety behaviour both in and out of school.
- Providing valuable feedback about online safety through surveys and discussions.

### **3.8 Parents/carers**

Parents and carers play a crucial role in ensuring that their children understand the need to use the internet and mobile devices in an appropriate way. The school will take every opportunity to help parents understand these issues through parents' evenings, newsletters, letters, website, social media, and information about national/local online safety campaigns/literature. Parents and carers will be encouraged to support the school in promoting good online safety practice and to follow guidelines on the appropriate use of:

- Digital and video images taken at school events.
- Online learning platforms (Microsoft Teams) by following the Home Learning Protocol Policy.
- Their children's personal devices in the school/academy (where this is allowed).

### **3.9 Community Users**

Community users who have access to the school systems or programmes as part of the wider school provision will be expected to sign a Community User Acceptable Use Policy/Agreement before being provided with access to school systems. This will be done as they enter the building using our signing in system.

#### 4. Managing online safety

All staff will be aware that technology is a significant component in many safeguarding and wellbeing issues affecting young people, particularly owing to the rise of social media and the increased prevalence of children using the internet.

The Online Safety Designated Safeguarding Lead has overall responsibility for the school's approach to online safety, with support from the school's senior leadership team, and will ensure that there are strong processes in place to handle any concerns about students' safety online.

The importance of online safety is integrated across all school operations in the following ways:

- Staff receive regular training.
- Staff receive regular email updates regarding online safety information and any changes to online safety guidance or legislation.
- Online safety is integrated into learning throughout the curriculum.
- Assemblies are conducted termly on the topic of remaining safe online.

#### 5. Online safety in the curriculum

**We want our students to take responsibility and act in a responsible way.**

Whilst regulation and technical solutions are very important, their use must be balanced by educating students to take a responsible approach. The education of students in online safety/digital literacy is therefore an essential part of the school's online safety provision. Children and young people need the help and support of the school to recognise and avoid online safety risks and build their resilience.

Students will be taught about online safety as part of the curriculum

**All** schools have to teach:

- [Relationships education and health education](#) in primary schools
- [Relationships and sex education and health education](#) in secondary schools

In **Key Stage (KS) 1**, students will be taught to:

- Use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private
- Identify where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the internet or other online technologies

Students in **Key Stage (KS) 2** will be taught to:

- Use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly
- Recognise acceptable and unacceptable behaviour
- Identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact

By the **end of primary school**, students will know:

- That people sometimes behave differently online, including by pretending to be someone they are not
- That the same principles apply to online relationships as to face-to-face relationships, including the importance of respect for others online, including when we are anonymous
- The rules and principles for keeping safe online, how to recognise risks, harmful content and contact, and how to report them
- How to critically consider their online friendships and sources of information including awareness of the risks associated with people they have never met
- How information and data is shared and used online
- What sorts of boundaries are appropriate in friendships with peers and others (including in a digital context)
- How to respond safely and appropriately to adults they may encounter (in all contexts, including online) whom they do not know
  
- How information and data is generated, collected, shared and used online
- How to identify harmful behaviours online (including bullying, abuse or harassment) and how to report, or find support, if they have been affected by those behaviours
- How people can actively communicate and recognise consent from others, including sexual consent, and how and when consent can be withdrawn (in all contexts, including online)

The safe use of social media and the internet will also be covered in other subjects where relevant. Where necessary, teaching about safeguarding, including online safety, will be adapted for vulnerable children, victims of abuse and some students with SEND.

Online safety is a focus in all areas of the curriculum and staff reinforce online safety messages across all subjects where relevant. The online safety curriculum used is SWGfL Project Evolve (<https://projectevolve.co.uk>) and is broad, relevant and provides progression, with opportunities for creative activities.

Online safety will be provided in the following ways:

- The school uses a planned online safety curriculum (SWGfL Project Evolve) which is delivered through dedicated online safety lessons, as well as being reinforced through all parts of daily school life.
- Key online safety messages are reinforced as part of a planned programme of assemblies and themed Online-Safety focused weeks, including Internet Safety Day and Wellbeing Week.
- Pupils are taught in all lessons to be critically aware of the materials/content they access online and be guided to validate the accuracy of information.
- Pupils are taught to acknowledge the source of information used and to respect copyright when using material accessed on the internet.
- Pupils will be supported in building resilience to radicalisation by providing a safe environment for debating controversial issues and helping them to understand how they can influence and participate in decision-making. Schools are required to ensure all devices have monitoring software on them that detects and alerts the school of any potential exposure to extremism.

- Pupil's will be helped to understand the need for the pupil acceptable use agreement and encouraged to adopt safe and responsible use both within and outside school. ▪ Staff will act as good role models in their use of digital technologies, the internet, and mobile devices.
- In lessons where internet use is pre-planned, staff will do their best to ensure that students/pupils are guided to sites checked as suitable for their use and that processes are in place for dealing with any unsuitable material that is found in internet searches.
- It is accepted that from time to time, for good educational reasons, students may need to research topics (e.g. racism, drugs, discrimination) that would normally result in internet searches being blocked. In such a situation, staff can request that the technical staff (or other

## **6. Parent awareness and working with the wider community**

We understand that many parents and carers only have a limited understanding of online safety risks and issues, yet they play an essential role in the education of their children and in the monitoring/regulation of children's online behaviour. Parents may underestimate how often children and young people come across potentially harmful and inappropriate material on the internet and may be unsure about how to respond.

The school will provide information and awareness to parents and carers through:

- Curriculum activities, themed online safety awareness weeks. High profile events/campaigns e.g Safer Internet Day and Wellbeing Week.
- Letters, school newsletters, school web site
- Discovery Live - Webinars
- Parent/carers evenings
- Parent workshops
- Online Safety assemblies

The school will provide opportunities for local community groups/members of the community to gain from the school's online safety knowledge and experience. This may be offered through the following:

- Providing family learning courses in use of new digital technologies, digital literacy and online safety
- Online safety messages targeted towards grandparents and other relatives as well as parents.
- The school website will provide online safety information for the wider community
- Sharing their online safety expertise/good practice with other local schools
- Supporting community groups e.g. Early Years Settings, Childminders, youth/sports/voluntary groups to enhance their online safety provision.

All parents sign an acceptable use policy on behalf of their children when they join the school and then re-sign annually. (**Appendix 1**)

## **7. Training**

### **7.1 All staff**

It is essential that all staff receive online safety training and understand their responsibilities, as outlined in this policy. Training will be offered as follows:

- A planned programme of formal online safety training is made available to staff. This will be regularly updated and reinforced. An audit of the online safety training needs of all staff will be carried out regularly.
- All new staff receive online safety training as part of their induction programme, ensuring that they fully understand the school online safety policy and acceptable use agreements.
- The Online Safety Lead will receive regular updates through attendance at external training events or as part of internal training from the Trust's Online Safety Lead.
- This Online Safety policy and its updates will be presented to and discussed by staff in staff/team meetings/training sessions.
- Staff are expected to read and understand the trust's platform working document which outlines the safe use of applications and platforms with students.

### **7.2 Trust Online Safety Lead DSL**

It is essential that the Trust Online Safety Lead DSL receives additional training to support them in their role. This training will be done by:

- Attending advanced online safety training DSL training on an annual basis.
- Participating in online safety expert groups (SWGfL 360 Safe Assessor Programme).
- Attending expert external training sessions through various providers.
- Keeping up to date with latest legislation and policy changes.

### **7.3 Trustees and Advisory board members**

Advisory Board members/trustees take part in online safety training/awareness sessions, with particular importance for those who are members of any group involved in technology/online safety/health and safety /safeguarding. This will be offered through:

- Participation in Trust training sessions delivered by the Online Safety Lead.

## **8. Online safety concerns**

### **8.1 Cyberbullying**

Cyberbullying can include the following:

- Threatening, intimidating, or upsetting text messages
- Threatening or embarrassing pictures and video clips sent via mobile phone cameras
- Threatening or bullying emails, possibly sent using a pseudonym or someone else's name

- Menacing or upsetting responses to someone in a chatroom
- Unpleasant messages sent via instant messaging apps (e.g. WhatsApp)

Cyberbullying against students or staff is not tolerated under any circumstances. Incidents of cyberbullying are dealt with quickly and effectively wherever they occur in line with the Anti-bullying Policy.

## **8.2 Child on child abuse**

Students may use the internet and technology as a vehicle for sexual abuse and harassment. The following are examples of online harmful sexual behaviour of which staff will be expected to be aware:

- Threatening, facilitating or encouraging sexual violence
- Upskirting, i.e. taking a picture underneath a person's clothing without consent and with the intention of viewing their genitals, breasts or buttocks
- Sexualised online bullying, e.g. sexual jokes or taunts
- Unwanted and unsolicited sexual comments and messages
- Consensual or non-consensual sharing of sexualised imagery

The school will respond to all concerns regarding online peer-on-peer sexual abuse and DSLs will investigate the matter in line with their Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

## **8.3 Grooming**

Grooming is defined as the situation whereby an adult builds a relationship, trust and emotional connection with a child with the intention of manipulating, exploiting and/or abusing them.

Staff will be aware that grooming often takes place online where the perpetrator will often hide their identity through pretending to be someone they are. Students are less likely to report grooming behaviour because:

- The student believes they are talking to another child
- The student does not want to admit to talking to someone they met on the internet for fear of judgement, feeling embarrassed, or a lack of understanding from their peers or adults in their life.
- The student may have been manipulated into feeling a sense of dependency on their groomer due to the groomer's attempts to isolate them from friends and family.
- Talking to someone secretly over the internet may make the student feel 'special', particularly if the person they are talking to is older.
- The student may have been manipulated into feeling a strong bond with their groomer and may have feelings of loyalty, admiration, or love, as well as fear, distress and confusion.

## **8.4 Child sexual exploitation (CSE)**

Although CSE often involves physical sexual abuse or violence, online elements may be prevalent, e.g. sexual coercion and encouraging children to behave in sexually inappropriate ways through the

internet. In some cases, a student may be groomed online to become involved in a wider network of exploitation, e.g. the production of child pornography or forced child prostitution and sexual trafficking.

CSE is a form of exploitation in which children are forced or manipulated into committing crimes for the benefit of their abuser, e.g. drug transporting, shoplifting and serious violence. While these crimes often take place in person, it is increasingly common for children to be groomed and manipulated into participating through the internet.

Where staff have any concerns about students with relation to CSE or CCE, they will bring these concerns to the DSL without delay, who will manage the situation in line with the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

### **8.5 Radicalisation**

Radicalisation is the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and extremist ideologies associated with terrorist groups. This process can occur through direct recruitment, e.g. individuals in extremist groups identifying, targeting and contacting young people with the intention of involving them in terrorist activity, or by exposure to violent ideological propaganda.

Children who are targets for radicalisation are likely to be groomed by extremists online to the extent that they believe the extremist has their best interests at heart, making them more likely to adopt the same radical ideology.

### **8.6 Cyber-crime**

Cyber-crime is criminal activity committed using computers and/or the internet. There are two key categories of cyber-crime:

- **Cyber-enabled** – these crimes can be carried out offline; however, are made easier and can be conducted at higher scales and speeds online, e.g. fraud, purchasing and selling of illegal drugs, and sexual abuse and exploitation.
- **Cyber-dependent** – these crimes can only be carried out online or by using a computer, e.g. making, supplying or obtaining malware, illegal hacking, and ‘booting’, which means overwhelming a network, computer or website with internet traffic to render it unavailable.

The school will factor into its approach to online safety the risk that students with a particular affinity or skill in technology may become involved, whether deliberately or inadvertently, in cyber-crime.

Where there are any concerns about a student’s use of technology and their intentions about using their skill and affinity towards it, the DSL will consider a referral to the Cyber Choices programme, which aims to intervene where children are at risk of committing cyber-crime and divert them to a more positive use of their skills and interests.

## **8.7 Artificial Intelligence**

Artificial intelligence (AI) tools are now widespread and easy to access for everyone. Staff, students, and parents/carers may be familiar with generative chatbots such as ChatGPT and Google Bard, as well as many other AI tools.

Discovery recognises that AI has many uses to help students learn but may also have the potential to be used to bully or cause harm to others. For example, in the form of 'deepfakes', where AI is used to create images, audio or video hoaxes that look real. This includes deepfake pornography: pornographic content created using AI to include someone's likeness.

School will treat any use of AI to cause distress/harm to others in line with our behaviour policy.

Staff should be aware of the risks of using AI tools whilst they are still being developed and should carry out a risk assessment where new AI tools are being used by the school/trust

There are concerns around data privacy and young people. AI systems often collect vast amounts of data which could compromise students' personal information.

Discovery Trust will ensure:

- Robust safeguards are in place before introducing new AI systems.
- Student personal data is never input into open AI systems (i.e., chatgpt).
- Provide clear guidance for staff on using AI systems effectively and safely.
- Filtering systems are in place and effective in blocking unwanted AI systems.

Staff at Discovery Trust will always ensure they risk assess before using any AI system. It is their responsibility to make sure that the platforms they use do not put students or other staff at risk. Staff should familiarise themselves with the Trust AI guidance policy to understand the Trust expectations.

## **9. Responding to online incidents**

### **9.1 Responding to student incidents**

Where a student misuses the school's IT systems or internet, we will follow the procedures set out in the behaviour policy. The action taken will depend on the individual circumstances, nature, and seriousness of the specific incident.

The schools DSLs will determine the seriousness of all incidents and report all illegal activities/incidents to the appropriate organisation, these include:

- Police
- CEOP (child exploitation and online protection)
- CyberChoices



- Social workers
- Health professionals

## **9.2 Responding to staff incidents**

Where a staff member misuses the school's IT systems or internet or uses a personal device in a way that their actions constitute in misconduct, then the matter will be dealt with in accordance with the staff disciplinary procedure. The action taken will depend on the individual circumstances, nature and seriousness of the specific incident.

The school will consider whether incidents which involve illegal activity or content, or otherwise serious incidents, should be reported to the police. A flow chart in dealing with illegal activity (**appendix 2**) supports the school in taking the correct action.

## **10. Personal devices**

### **10.1 Students**

Students may bring mobile devices into school. Parents/Carers will need to complete an agreement that their child can bring a mobile phone into school. Students must hand their mobile device into the office (directly or via the class teacher) where it will be kept securely. Students are not allowed to use their mobile phone during the school day, this includes:

- Lessons
- Playtime/Lunchtime
- Clubs before or after school

Any breach of the mobile device agreement may trigger disciplinary action in line with the school behaviour policy and could result in confiscation of their device.

### **10.2 Staff**

Staff members must not use a personal device (e.g., phones and tablets) throughout the school day, unless this is in their own break/lunch time. Staff are not permitted to take or store images of students on their mobile device. Personal information about staff, students, or the school is not to be stored on any personal device.

Personal mobile phones must not be used to contact students or parents. During school outings nominated staff will have access to a school mobile phone which can be used for emergency or contact purposes.

## **11. Technical Systems**

The school is responsible for ensuring that the school infrastructure/network is as safe and secure as is reasonably possible and that internet filtering is actively monitored for misuse. A full description of our policies and procedures relating to our technical systems can be found in [Annex 1: Technical Systems](#)

## 11.1 Filtering and Monitoring

Discovery trust recognises that filtering and monitoring plays a huge role in safeguarding it's students and has accessed it's systems against the Dfe's latest filtering and monitoring standards (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/meeting-digital-and-technology-standards-in-schools-and-colleges/filtering-and-monitoring-standards-for-schools-and-colleges>). The school has reviewed these filtering and monitoring standards to ensure the specifications have been met. This includes:

- Ensuring a member of senior leadership and governor is responsible for ensuring standards are met.
- The IT team has technical responsibility for ensuring filtering and monitoring meets the standard. The trust online safety lead will oversee the technical team on this.
- The school reviews it's filtering system regularly and has checked that they are a member of IWF, CTIRU and is blocking illegal content including child abuse material (CSAM). Termly reports are compiled and sent to Trust Online Safety Lead.
- The school reviews it's monitoring system regularly to ensure that it is effective in safeguarding its students.

## 11.2 Smart and Mobile Technology

The school understands that the rapid development of smart and mobile technology possesses an on-going online safety risk to students. The development of mobile devices and smart watches has meant that students are 'online' 24 hours a day. The school is committed to ensuring that we have procedures and systems in place when dealing with Mobile and Smart Technology in an ever change digital environment. Please see [Annex 2: Mobile and art Technology](#) for more information about how we manage our mobile and smart devices.

## 12. Remote learning

All remote learning is delivered in line with the school's Home Learning Protocol Policy.

The school will risk assess the technology used for remote learning prior to use and ensure that there are no privacy issues or scope for inappropriate use.

The school will ensure that all school-owned equipment and technology used for remote learning has suitable anti-virus software installed, monitoring software installed, has working audio and video and can download documents where appropriate. The school is not responsible for ensuring that devices that go home have strict filtering installed and this is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure safe use.

During the period of remote learning, the school will maintain regular contact with parents to:

- Reinforce the importance of children staying safe online.

- Ensure parents are aware of what their children are being asked to do, e.g. sites they have been asked to use and staff they will interact with.
- Encourage them to set age-appropriate parental controls on devices and internet filters to block malicious websites.
- Direct parents to useful resources to help them keep their children safe online.

The school will not be responsible for providing access to the internet off the school premises and will not be responsible for providing online safety software, e.g. anti-virus software and filtering, on devices not owned by the school.

## **12. Policy review**

This policy will be reviewed by the Trust Online Safety Lead annually and updated as necessary to reflect best practice and to ensure compliance with any changes or amendments to relevant legislation. A formal review will be completed every two years for Trust Board approval.

## Appendix 1: Student KS2 & KS1 Acceptable Use Policies

### Online Safety Policy

#### Appendix 2

#### Pupil Acceptable Use Policies (KS2 / KS1)

Acceptable use of the school's ICT systems and internet: agreement for KS2 students and parents/carers

Name of student:

**When using the school's ICT systems and accessing the internet in school, I will:**

- Use them for a schoolwork or homework
- Use them only with a teacher being present, or with a teacher's permission
- Not access any inappropriate websites
- Not access social networking sites (unless my teacher has expressly allowed this as part of a learning activity)
- Never use chat rooms
- Only videoconference call with a teacher present
- Never open any attachments in emails, or follow any links in emails, without first checking with a teacher
- Use only kind and appropriate language when communicating online, including in emails
- Never share my password with others or log in to the school's network using someone else's details
- Never give my personal information (including my name, address or telephone number) to anyone without the permission of my teacher or parent/carer
- Never arrange to meet anyone offline without first telling my parent/carer, or without an adult to accompany me

**If I bring a personal mobile phone or other personal electronic device into school:**

- I will not use it during the school day, in any lesson times, clubs or other activities organised by the school, without a teacher's permission.
- I will hand my mobile phone into the office before school and collect it afterwards.
- I will use it responsibly and will not access any inappropriate websites or other inappropriate material or use inappropriate language when communicating online I agree that the school will monitor the websites I visit.
- I will immediately let a teacher or other member of staff know if I find any material which might upset, distress or harm me or others.
- I will always use the school's ICT systems and internet responsibly.

Signed (student):

Date:

**Acceptable use of the school's ICT systems and internet: agreement for EYFS/KS1 students and parents/carers**

**Name of student:**

**When using the internet in school, I will:**

- Only use it for school work.
- Only use them when a teacher is there.
- Only go on sites, which have been given by the teacher.
- Not access social networking sites.
- Not to use chat rooms
- Never open anything that you are unsure about without asking a teacher.
- Always use kind vocabulary when writing on the internet.
- Never share any information with other people except your parents/carers
- Never arrange to meet anyone offline without first telling my parent/carer, or without an adult to accompany me

I will not bring a mobile phone or any other electronic device into school.

**Signed (student):**

**Date:**

**Parent/carer agreement:** I agree that my child can use the school's ICT systems and internet when appropriately supervised by a member of school staff. I agree to the conditions set out above for students using the school's ICT systems and internet, and for using personal electronic devices in school, and will make sure my child understands these.

**Signed (parent/carer):**

**Date:**

**Appendix 2: Staff online safety incident flow-chart**

