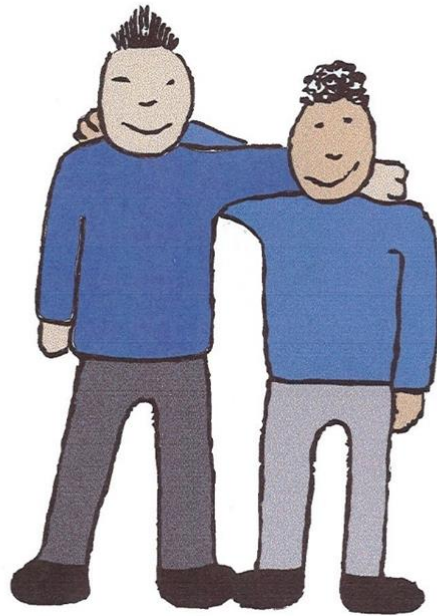


Kneesall C of E Primary



On-line Safety Policy

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Introduction and aims

Kneesall C of E Primary school recognises that internet, mobile and digital technologies provide positive opportunities for children and young people to learn, socialise and play but they also need to understand the challenges and risks. The digital world is an amazing place, but with few rules. It is vast and fast moving and young people's future economic success may be partly dependent on their online skills and reputation. We are therefore, committed to ensuring that all pupils, staff and governors will be supported to use internet, mobile and digital technologies safely. This is part of our safeguarding responsibility. Staff are aware that some pupils may require additional support or teaching, including reminders, prompts and further explanation to reinforce their knowledge and understanding of online safety issues.

We are also committed to ensuring that all those who work with children and young people, including their parents/carers, are informed about the ever-changing risks so that they can take an active part in helping children and young people navigate the online world safely and confidently.

Responsibilities

The Headteacher and governors have ultimate responsibility to ensure that appropriate online safety policy and practice is embedded and monitored. Our designated safeguarding lead (DSL) will take lead responsibility in for safeguarding and protecting children online. Breaches of this policy must be reported to the DSL and appropriate action taken and recorded.

The safeguarding of pupil's is paramount and our school community must adhere to the online safety policy and our acceptable use agreements as stated in our 'ICT and internet acceptable use policy' (Appendix 1).

Scope of policy

The policy applies to:

- pupils
- parents/carers
- teaching and support staff
- school governors
- peripatetic teachers/coaches, supply teachers, student teachers
- visitors
- volunteers
- voluntary, statutory or community organisations using the school's facilities

The school also works with partners and other providers to ensure that pupils who receive part of their education off site or who are on a school trip or residential are safe online.

The school provides online safety information for parents/carers, for example, through the

website, in newsletters, scholarpack communications and at events. It is important that parents/carers understand their key role in supporting their children to behave appropriately and keep themselves safe online.

Related policies

Online safety is an integral part of safeguarding and requires a whole school, cross-curricular approach and collaboration between key school leads. Accordingly, this policy is written in line with 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' 2022 (KCSIE), 'Teaching Online Safety in Schools' 2022 and other statutory documents. It complements existing and forthcoming subjects including Health, Relationships and Sex Education, Citizenship and Computing. This policy, supported by its acceptable use agreements, is intended to protect the interests and safety of the whole school community. It is linked to the following other school policies and documents:

- ICT and internet acceptable use policy
- Safeguarding and child protection
- Behaviour
- Staff discipline
- Data protection

Policy and procedure

The school seeks to ensure that internet, mobile and digital technologies are used effectively and safely, for their intended educational purpose, in ways that will not infringe legal requirements or create unnecessary risk.

The school expects everyone to use internet, mobile and digital technologies responsibly and strictly according to the conditions set out in this policy. This policy also includes expectations on appropriate online behaviour and use of technology outside of school for pupils, parents/carers, staff and governors and all other visitors to the school.

Use of email

Staff and governors should use a school email account for all official school communication to ensure everyone is protected through the traceability of communication. Under no circumstances should staff contact pupils, parents or conduct any school business using a personal email address. Pupils should use school approved accounts on the school system for educational purposes. For advice on emailing, sharing personal or confidential information or the need to gain parent permission refer to the policy for GDPR. Emails created or received as part of any school role will be subject to disclosure in response to a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Staff, governors and pupils should not open emails or attachments from suspect sources and should report their receipt to the computer technician.

Users must not send emails which are offensive, embarrassing or upsetting to anyone (i.e. cyberbullying).

Visiting online sites and downloading

- Staff must preview sites, software and apps before their use in school or before recommending them to pupils. Before using any online service that requires user accounts to be created or the sharing of any personal data, staff must consult with the Data Protection Officer and senior leadership team with details of the site/service. The terms and conditions of the service should be read and adhered to, and parental or carer permission sought where required.
- If internet research is set for homework, specific sites will be suggested that have been checked by the teacher. All users must observe copyright of materials from electronic sources.
- Staff must only use pre-approved systems if creating blogs, wikis or other online content.
- When working with pupils searching for images should be done through Google Safe Search (standard through the HICS service), Google Advanced Search or a similar application that provides greater safety than a standard search engine.

Users must not:

- Visit internet sites, make, post, download, upload or pass on, material, remarks, proposals or comments that contain or relate to:
 - Indecent images of children actually or apparently under the age of 18 or images of child abuse (i.e. images of children, digital or cartoons, involved in sexual activity or posed to be sexually provocative)
 - Adult material that breaches the Obscene Publications Act in the UK
 - Promoting discrimination of any kind in relation to the protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race or ethnicity, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation
 - Promoting hatred against any individual or group from the protected characteristics above
 - Promoting illegal acts including physical or sexual abuse of children or adults, violence, bomb making, drug and alcohol abuse and software piracy
 - Any material that may bring the school or any individual within it into disrepute e.g. promotion of violence, gambling, libel and disrespect
- Reveal or publicise confidential or proprietary information
- Intentionally interfere with the normal operation of the internet connection, including the propagation of computer viruses
- Transmit unsolicited commercial or advertising material either to other users, or to organisations connected to other networks except where permission has been given to the school
- Use the school's hardware and Wi-Fi facilities for running a private business
- Intimidate, threaten or cause harm to others
- Access or interfere in any way with other users' accounts
- Use software or hardware that has been prohibited by the school

- Only a school device may be used to conduct school business outside of school. The only exception would be where a closed, monitorable system has been set up by the school for use on a personal device. Such a system would ensure the user was not saving files locally to their own device and breaching data security.

All breaches of prohibited behaviours detailed above will be investigated, where appropriate, in liaison with the police.

The school recognises that in certain planned curricular activities, access to controversial and/or offensive online content may be beneficial for educational use. In such circumstances, there is an expectation that access is pre-planned, risk assessed and recorded, and permission given by the DSL and senior leadership team.

Storage of Images

Photographs and videos provide valuable evidence of pupils' achievement and progress in a variety of contexts and can be used to celebrate the work of the school. In line with GDPR they are used only with the written consent of parents/carers which is secured in the first instance on a child's entry to the school. Records are kept on file and consent can be changed by parents/carers at any time. (See GDPR policy for greater clarification).

Photographs and images of pupils are only stored on the school's agreed secure networks which may include some cloud based services like Microsoft's Sharepoint. Rights of access to stored images are restricted to approved staff as determined by the Headteacher. Staff and pupils may have temporary access to photographs taken during a class session, but these will be transferred/deleted promptly.

Parents/carers should note that there may be some children who are at risk and must not have their image put online and others who do not want their image online. For these reasons parents/carers must follow the school's Acceptable Use Agreement and refrain from taking or posting online photographs of any member of the school community, other than their own children.

Staff and other professionals working with pupils, must only use school equipment to record images of pupils whether on or off site. See also GDPR. Permission to use images of all staff who work at the school is sought.

The School Website

Kneesall C of E Primary School use the school website as a key point of communication between classes and families. Our school website is provided by PrimarySite who are responsible for the overall upkeep of the website. The DfE have determined the statutory information that should be available on school websites and our Headteacher and senior leadership team are responsible for ensuring this is provided. Class teachers have a responsibility to regularly update their class pages with relevant information to their children's learning.

Anyone updating the school website should adhere to the online safety policy and uphold copy

right law. When posting images of children or children's work, staff should ensure parents/carers have consented to this and that children's identities are protected in line with GDPR (i.e. full names are not published. Remember also not to save images with a filename that includes a pupil's full name.)

Use of personal mobile devices (including phones)

Kneesall C of E Primary School understand the need for adults to access personal devices during their time on the premises. In view of the high importance we place on online safety, there are expectations for the safe use.

The school allows staff, including temporary and peripatetic staff, and visitors to use personal mobile phones and devices only in designated areas and never in the presence of pupils. Contacting pupils or parents and carers from personal devices over the internet is not permitted. Similarly, our school does not allow members of staff to contact parents and carers using their personal device for phone calls, unless they are agreed in advance with the Headteacher during exceptional circumstances. When this occurs, staff should select the withhold my phone number option to protect the personal details of the staff. Wherever possible in these instances, parents and carers should be made aware they will be contacted by us through a private number.

Parents and carers may only use personal mobile phones and devices in designated areas unless otherwise informed, e.g. for specific events and activities. Under no circumstance should images be taken at any time on school premises or on off-site school events and activities of anyone other than their own child, unless there is a pre-specified permission. When a parent or carer is on school premises but not in a designated area, their phone/s must be switched off and out of sight.

In prearranged circumstances, pupils are allowed to bring personal mobile devices/phones to school. These must be switched off and given to a member of staff to look after until the end of the school day. Under no circumstance should pupils use their personal mobile devices/phones to take images of any other pupil unless they and the parents involved have given agreement in advance.

The school is not responsible for the loss, damage or theft of any personal mobile device that is brought into school.

Users bringing personal devices into school must ensure there is no inappropriate or illegal content on the device.

Staff's personal devices such as mobile phones, can only be used to access school emails and data if the devices are password protected.

Reporting incidents, abuse and inappropriate material

There may be occasions when either a pupil or an adult receives an offensive, abusive or inappropriate message or accidentally accesses upsetting or abusive material. When such a situation occurs the pupil or adult must report the incident immediately to the first available member of staff or the Headteacher, who should ensure the DSL is informed. Where such an

incident may lead to significant harm, safeguarding procedures should be followed. The school takes the reporting of such incidents seriously and where judged necessary, the DSL will refer details to social care or the police.

Any incidents regarding unacceptable internet use will be recorded in line the ICT and Internet acceptable use policy, using the sub-heading cyber incident on CPOMs..

Curriculum

Online safety is fully embedded within our curriculum. The school provides a comprehensive age appropriate curriculum for online safety which enables pupils to become informed, safe and responsible. This includes teaching to prevent radicalisation, for which staff provide a narrative to counter extremism. The Relationships and Health Curriculum are central in supporting the delivery of online safety education.

The curriculum is flexible and can respond to any immediate online safety issues and risks as they emerge.

It is necessary for pupils to develop skills of critical awareness, digital resilience and good online citizenship to enable them to use internet, mobile and digital technologies safely and responsibly. Pupils are taught to recognise the creative, collaborative, cultural, economic and educational opportunities provided by the internet, mobile and digital technologies. Curriculum work will also include areas such as:

- Understanding how to use the internet, mobile and digital technologies in a balanced and appropriate way to avoid negative impact on wellbeing, e.g. regulated screen time and diverse online activity
- Learning how to develop a positive online reputation and enhance future opportunities e.g. in relationships and employment
- Developing critical thinking skills and the confidence to challenge and question what they see and read in relation to online content e.g. recognising fake news and extremism, understanding commercial manipulation, maintaining an authentic sense of self that is resilient to online pressure, learning how easy it is to lie online (i.e. users may not be who they say they are and may have ulterior motives), understanding the dangers of giving out personal details online and the importance of maintaining maximum privacy online
- Thinking carefully before placing images online and considering their appropriateness and understanding the importance of gaining consent before posting photographs of others
- Understanding the permanency of all online postings and conversations

Understanding relevant legislation, including copyright, and the importance of respecting other people's information, reputation and images.

- Understanding the importance of online respect and what constitutes cyberbullying, how

to avoid it, the impact it has and how to access help.

- How the law can help protect against online risks and abuse

Staff and Governor Training

Staff and governors are trained to fulfil their roles in online safety. The school audits the training needs of all school staff and provides regular training to improve their knowledge and expertise in the safe and appropriate use of internet, mobile and digital technologies. This training is recorded as part of safeguarding records.

New staff are provided with a copy of the online safety policy. Any organisation working with children and based on the school premises are also provided with a copy of the online safety policy. Peripatetic staff, student teachers and regular visitors are provided with a copy of the online safety policy. Guidance is provided for occasional visitors, volunteers and parent/carer helpers, by the staff member responsible for them.

Working in Partnership with Parents/Carers

The school works closely with families to help ensure that children can use internet, mobile and digital technologies safely and responsibly both at home and school. The support of parents/carers is essential to implement the online safety policy effectively and help keep children safe.

It is important that parents/carers understand the crucial role they play in this process. The school seeks to regularly consult and discuss online safety with parents/carers and seeks to promote a wide understanding of the benefits of new technologies and associated risks. The school provides regular updated online safety information through the school website, newsletters and parent mail.

Parents/carers are asked on an annual basis to read, discuss and co-sign with each child the Acceptable Use Agreement (appendix 1). The Acceptable Use Agreement explains the school's expectations and pupil and parent/carer responsibilities for the use of ICT and the internet.

Records, monitoring and review

The school recognises the need to record online safety incidents and to monitor and review policies and procedures regularly in order to ensure they are effective and that the risks to pupils and staff are minimised.

All breaches of this policy must be reported and all reported incidents will be logged. All staff have the individual responsibility to ensure that incidents have been correctly recorded, acted upon and reported.

The school supports pupils and staff who have been affected by a policy breach. Where

there is inappropriate or illegal use of internet, mobile and digital technologies, this will be dealt with under the school's behaviour and disciplinary policies as appropriate. Breaches may also lead to criminal or civil proceedings.

- Upload or share photos or videos on social media of any child other than my own, unless I have the permission of other children's parents/carers.

I have read, understood and will abide by the Internet Access Rules.

Signed Date
(Child)

Signed Date
(Parent/Guardian)