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At Brookfields Primary School, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is our highest priority. We recognise that technology and the internet are an integral part of children's lives, learning and future opportunities. We are committed to ensuring that all pupils learn to use digital technology safely, responsibly, respectfully and confidently.

Our approach to online safety reflects current statutory guidance, including **Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE)**, and recognises that online safety is an essential component of safeguarding. Online risks can affect children both in and outside of school and may overlap with other safeguarding concerns.

Our Commitment

We are committed to:

- Protecting children from online risks and harms, including those relating to content, contact, conduct and commerce.
- Teaching pupils how to stay safe, responsible and respectful online.
- Developing children's digital resilience, critical thinking skills and media literacy.
- Promoting a whole-school culture where online safety is everyone's responsibility.
- Working in partnership with parents and carers to promote safe online behaviours.
- Responding promptly and effectively to online safety concerns.
- Ensuring that appropriate filtering and monitoring systems are in place and regularly reviewed.

Online safety is embedded throughout our safeguarding culture and curriculum.

Teaching and Learning

Online safety is taught through:

- Our Computing curriculum.
- PSHE and Relationships Education.
- Assemblies and themed awareness events.
- Cross-curricular learning opportunities.
- Age-appropriate discussions about digital behaviour, online relationships and media literacy.

Pupils are taught about:

- Safe and responsible use of the internet and digital devices.
- Privacy and protection of personal information.
- Cyberbullying and respectful online behaviour.



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- Online friendships and healthy relationships.
- Online grooming, exploitation and abuse.
- The sharing of images, videos and personal content.
- The risks associated with social media and online gaming.
- Misinformation, disinformation and fake news.
- The safe and responsible use of emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence (AI).
- How and when to seek help if something online makes them feel uncomfortable, worried or unsafe.

Teaching is age-appropriate and responsive to emerging technologies and current risks.

Filtering and Monitoring

The school has appropriate filtering and monitoring systems in place to safeguard pupils when using school devices, networks and online services.

These systems:

- Help prevent access to harmful, inappropriate or illegal content.
- Support the identification of potential safeguarding concerns.
- Alert relevant staff to risks where appropriate.
- Are regularly reviewed to ensure they remain effective and proportionate.

Senior leaders, governors and safeguarding leaders maintain oversight of filtering and monitoring arrangements to ensure they continue to support the safety and wellbeing of pupils.

Whilst no filtering or monitoring system can guarantee complete protection, the school takes all reasonable steps to minimise risk.

Staff Training and Awareness

All staff receive regular safeguarding and online safety training and updates as part of our whole-school safeguarding approach.

Staff understand:

- The different forms of online harm.
- The indicators of online abuse, exploitation and radicalisation.
- The links between online behaviour and wider safeguarding concerns.
- The risks associated with social media, online platforms and emerging technologies.
- Their responsibilities for identifying, recording and reporting concerns.

Online safety is regularly discussed through staff briefings, safeguarding updates and professional development activities.



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Responding to Concerns

Any online safety concern is treated as a safeguarding concern.

Concerns are:

- Recorded and reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).
- Managed in accordance with the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.
- Investigated and responded to proportionately.
- Referred to external agencies where appropriate.

Where concerns involve cyberbullying, child-on-child abuse, online exploitation, harmful sexual behaviour, radicalisation or other safeguarding risks, the school will respond in line with statutory safeguarding procedures.

We work closely with families to ensure children receive the support they need.

Working in Partnership with Parents and Carers

Parents and carers play a crucial role in helping children stay safe online.

We support families by:

- Providing information, advice and updates through newsletters, workshops and the school website.
- Offering guidance on parental controls, age ratings and online platforms.
- Sharing information about emerging online risks and trends.
- Encouraging open conversations between children and trusted adults about online experiences.

We encourage parents and carers to contact the school if they have any concerns about online safety or the wellbeing of their child.

Further Information

If you have any concerns or questions about online safety, please speak to our **Deputy Headteacher and Lead Designated Safeguarding Lead, Bernadette O'Rourke**, or contact the school office and ask to speak with a member of the safeguarding team.

Brookfields Primary School is committed to creating a culture where children can learn, explore and thrive safely online