



PioneerHouse
HIGH SCHOOL

Online Safety Policy

Appendix - Online Safety Arrangements During Remote Learning due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Context

It is more important than ever that the School continues to provide a safe environment, including online.

This is an appendix to the School's Online Safety Policy, IT Acceptable Use Policy for Staff, IT Acceptable Use Policy for Pupils and Data Protection Policy. This appendix summarises key COVID 19 related changes or additions.

We will continue to ensure that appropriate filters and monitoring systems are in place to protect pupils when they are online on our IT systems or recommended resources.

The person in charge of maintaining safe IT arrangements in the School is Dan Cooke and he can be contacted by email on admin@pioneerhouse.net.

Should the School's IT staff become unavailable, we will publish contingency arrangements to ensure the safety and stability of our IT provision.

Pupils should continue to follow our normal policies and procedures whether working in school or remotely at home.

1. Remote learning arrangements

The same principles as set out in the School's Safeguarding Policy and Pupil Behaviour and Discipline Policy apply to all online interactions between staff and pupils.

The School's Safeguarding Policy (Staff Code of Conduct) already includes provision relating to staff/pupil relationships and communication using technology. This Code of Conduct also applies to remote learning.

Remote learning will be delivered via the following platforms/facilities which have been evaluated and agreed by the School's Senior Management Team:

- Microsoft Teams

2. Role of parents

Parents have responsibility for ensuring appropriate supervision when their children are working online and that appropriate online parent controls are in place.

The following are suitable online safety resources for parents:

- Coronavirus (COVID-19): support for parents and carers to keep children safe online provides guidance from the government
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) - staying safe online provides guidance from the government
- Thinkuknow provides advice from the National Crime Agency (NCA) on staying safe online
- Parent info is a collaboration between Parent Zone and the NCA providing support and guidance for parents from leading experts and organisations
- Childnet toolkit is a toolkit to support parents to start discussions about online behaviour
- UK Safer Internet Centre has advice for parents to help keep children safe online
- Internet matters provides guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices
- Net-aware has guides for parents on social networks, apps and games
- London Grid for Learning has support for parents to keep their children safe online
- Let's Talk About It has advice for parents to keep children safe from online radicalisation

3. Safeguarding arrangements

The School's arrangements for reporting safeguarding concerns are set out in the School's Safeguarding Policy.

Pupils and parents can also access help and support at:

- UK Safer Internet Centre 'Report Harmful Content' to report harmful content
- CEOP (National Crime Agency Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command to report online abuse
- Educate Against Hate for government advice on safeguarding from radicalisation

4. Staff training

Staff have been given training on the use of the online platforms/facilities that the school is using. Updates to this training are provided as necessary.