Safe Internet Use

Our Vision

At St Andrew's CE Primary School, we aim to bring children to a place where they can realise their full potential. Our Christian values are the foundation of all we do and each one is a facet of the central value, love, which 'always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.' (1 Corinthians 13:7)

This Policy reflects St. Andrew's Church of England Primary School's Christian ethos and mission statement. It was written with our Christian values of Creativity and Wisdom in mind.

St. Andrew's Wrap Around Care Club recognises that the Internet is a useful resource for both staff and children, for purposes of research, homework and entertainment.

Children will only be allowed to access the Internet at the Club if their parent or carer has given written permission.

A copy of the **SMART** guidelines will printed out and kept next to the computer. The guidelines will be explained to any children wishing to access the Internet:

- **Safe:** Keep safe by not giving out personal information – such as name, email, phone number, address, or school name – to people who you don't trust online.
- **Meeting:** Never agree to meet anyone you have only met online unless your parent or carer is with you.
- **Accepting:** Do not accept emails or instant messages, or open files, images or texts from people you don't know. They can contain viruses or nasty messages.
- **Reliable:** Not all the information found on the Internet is reliable and people you meet online won't always be telling the truth.
- **Tell:** Tell a member of staff or your parents if someone or something you encounter online makes you feel uncomfortable.

If a child encounters something inappropriate on the Internet the supervisor will be informed and the incident will be noted on an **Incident Record** in the child's file. The child's parent will be asked to sign the **Incident Record**.

We have put in place the following safeguards:

- A risk assessment has been undertaken.
- The computer is located so that the screen can easily be seen from the rest of the room.
- Staff will supervise the use of the Internet.
- The computer has an up to date virus checker and firewall installed.
- Google SafeSearch Filtering is turned on; children are encouraged to use a child-safe search tool.
- The computer's browser history is regularly checked to monitor which sites are being accessed and all staff and children are informed of this fact.

This policy was adopted by: St Andrew's Governing Body	Date: November 2024
To be reviewed: November 2025	Signed:

Written in accordance with the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2014): Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Introduction [3.2]; Child Protection [3.6].*