

St John the Evangelist RC
Primary School

Internet Safety Policy

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Internet Policy & Guidelines

'New technologies inspire children to be creative, communicate and learn. However, while the internet is a great resource, it is important that children and young people are protected from the risks they may encounter.'
(UK Council for Child Internet Safety, Gov.uk)

In today's developing society, children use lots of different technologies such as mobile phones, games consoles and the internet on a daily basis and experience a wide range of opportunities. This level of technology and the ways we can communicate which are beneficial to all but can occasionally place children, young people and adults in danger if they are not managed appropriately. "Right to be protected," RRSA Article 19.

Importance of the Internet in School

- The purpose of Internet use in school is to raise educational standards, promote pupil achievement, support the professional work of staff and to enhance the school's management information and business administration systems.
- Use of technology and the Internet is part of the school's curriculum and enables both children and staff to achieve.
- The growing emergence of technology and use of the Internet will provide children with opportunities to access a wide range of information and skills.

The school has a responsibility to provide pupils with these opportunities as part of their learning experience.

Importance of e-safety in School

E-safety aims to give children the skills that they need in order to use the internet and other technologies safely and how to act if they discover or receive inappropriate communication. E-safety covers internet technologies

but also electronic communications via mobile phones, games consoles and wireless technology. It allows children to understand the benefits, risks and responsibilities of using information technology.

- E-safety concerns safeguarding children and young people in the digital world.
- E-safety emphasises learning to understand and use new technologies in a positive way.
- E-safety is less about restriction and more about educating about the risks as well as the benefits so we can feel confident online.
- E-safety is concerned with supporting children and young people to develop safer online behaviours both in and out of school.

Delivery of Internet safety within school

- Children will learn about internet safety within computing lessons. Internet safety posters are displayed in each classroom. Each adult in the building is aware of these measures and is tasked with promoting these guidelines to the children.
- Themed e safety weeks are planned into school curriculum. These weeks are designed to promote awareness of internet safety through a range of activities and assemblies.

Technology within the school

- A range of devices can be found within the school. Devices available to the children are connected via the school wifi. The internet access is filtered for an appropriate age of the children. One IT maintain and update filtering protocols.
- Staff and other adults are requested to keep personal items locked away during school hours and held accountable for material they access on their own devices. Specific websites are blocked by the ISP.
- Regular maintenance of devices in school is carried out by One IT.

Reporting of incidents

- All adults in school have a duty of care and should report any incident immediately. Internet incident forms are available via the designated

safeguarding officer and all incidents should be logged accordingly. Information such as what was accessed and by whom/date/time etc should all be catalogued.

- Where there is cause for concern adults should report this to the appropriate body e.g. designated safeguarding officer.
- Complaints or concerns regarding internet safety should be handled via the school's complaint procedure.

e-Safety Contacts and References

CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre):
www.ceop.police.uk

Childline: www.childline.org.uk

Childnet: www.childnet.com

Click Clever Click Safe Campaign: <http://clickcleverclicksafe.direct.gov.uk>

Cybermentors: www.cybermentors.org.uk

Digizen: www.digizen.org.uk

Internet Watch Foundation (IWF): www.iwf.org.uk

Stockton Safeguarding Children Board <https://www.stockton.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/stockton-on-tees-local-safeguarding-children-board-slsqb/>

Kent e-Safety in Schools Guidance: www.kenttrustweb.org.uk?esafety#

Kidsmart: www.kidsmart.org.uk

Schools e-Safety Blog: www.kenttrustweb.org.uk?esafetyblog

Teach Today: <http://en.teachtoday.eu>

Think U Know website: www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Virtual Global Taskforce — Report Abuse: www.virtualglobaltaskforce.com