


RISE PARK PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL



E-Safety Policy

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E-Safety Policy

1 Introduction

1.1 This policy applies to the whole school including the EYFS and all teaching and support staff.

Policies and documents that support the e-safety policy in school:

- Computing policy
- Safeguarding
- Behaviour policy
- Acceptable Use Policy (A.U.P.) for staff and pupils

2 Teaching and Learning

2.1 The school has a duty to provide pupils with high-quality internet access as part of their learning experience in school, and to prepare them to make safe and effective use of such technologies outside of school.

2.2 The Internet, along with the digital communications afforded by it, are important because:

- The Internet is an essential element of 21st century life for education, business and social interaction.
- Internet use is a part of the statutory curriculum and is a necessary learning tool for staff and pupils.
- Internet and digital communications enhance and extend learning opportunities for all pupils.

2.3 We can minimise risk to staff and pupils by:

- Designing Internet access expressly for student use that will include filtering of content only appropriate to the age of students.
- Setting clear boundaries for the appropriate use of the Internet and digital communications. These boundaries will be discussed with both staff and pupils.
- Ensuring that all pupils are e-safety aware from EYFS onwards, and that the key principles of online safety and digital leadership are revisited at the start of any lesson where digital technologies are going to be used.
- Ensuring pupils are not left unsupervised using Computing equipment, unless they are one of the known and trusted Digital Leaders.
- Ensuring that the following statement is added to the bottom of any homework or home-learning task that involves researching information or looking up a recommended website:

“Always ask a known and responsible adult before using the computer; make sure your known and responsible adult finds the exact site you want to use before you start your work. Always remember the Internet Safety rules that you are taught in school.”

2.4 Our I.T. support, which is currently provided by Schools I.T., aims to keep our system safe and secure by:

- Reviewing the school ICT system security regularly.
- Updating all security software regularly.
- Discussing security strategies annually with the ICT subject leader, governor for ICT and Senior Leadership Team.
- Working in partnership with IT services and Capital Bytes to ensure filtering systems to protect pupils are reviewed and improved.
- Regularly checking that the filtering methods selected are appropriate, effective and reasonable.

2.5 E-mail – whilst our pupils learn about e-mail in a secure, ‘virtual’ environment provided by the Purple Mash online platform, they do sometimes have access to the class e-mail or may have their own e-mail at home.

3 Pupil Use / Content Related to Pupils

3.1 Pupils will be taught to:

- Immediately tell a teacher if they receive something upsetting or inappropriate when using a computer or Internet-linked device whilst at school.
- Not reveal their personal details or those of others, or arrange to meet anyone without specific permission or accompaniment from a known and trusted adult.
- Treat incoming e-mails as suspicious and that attachments should not be opened unless the author / sender of the e-mail is known.

3.2 Published content and the school web site:

- Staff or pupil personal contact information will not be published. Any contact details given online should be those of the school office, and personal staff e-mails should never be given out to parents, carers or pupils unless express consent has been obtained from that staff member beforehand.
- Written permission from parents or carers is obtained when pupils join the school, before work or photographs of pupils are published on the school website or in any other medium.
- The Head-teacher or a nominated individual will take overall editorial responsibility and ensure that published content on the school website or social media accounts is accurate and appropriate.
- Parents grant written permission for their child's image to be published on the school website, used on the school Twitter feed, or used in any other digital medium. Staff check the permission list before uploading images. Without this permission, children's images will not be used in any way.
- Parents are regularly asked whether these permissions have changed, and any relevant changes are then made to the whole-school permissions list. This is then handed out to staff members immediately so that they are aware of the changes that may have been made.
- Parents/pupils are informed not to upload images of other children onto the Internet at all school events which they may attend, such as open mornings, Christmas productions and Sports Days.

3.3 Social Networking and personal publishing – we currently do not allow pupils to use or access social networking sites or blogs but know that they do sometimes access these types of sites at home. With this in mind pupils will be given e-safety guidance on safe internet use both in and out of school. This will include:

- To never to give out personal details of any kind which may identify them, their family members, their friends or their location.
- To not place personal photos on any social network space without considering how the photo could be used either now or in the future.
- To only invite known friends and deny access to others when using social networking and instant messaging services.
- Being advised on Internet security and to be encouraged to set more complex passwords; to deny access to unknown individuals and to block and report unwanted communications to a known and trusted adult or individual.

4 Health and Safety / Safeguarding

4.1 Radicalisation and Extremism - We strongly recognise the risk of online radicalisation through the use of the Internet and social media. To combat this, we use a Local Authority approved filtering system, which blocks sites with inappropriate content, including extremist content.

4.2 Policy decisions authorising Internet access:

- The school will take all reasonable precautions to prevent access to inappropriate material. However, due to the international scale and linked nature of Internet content, it is not always possible to guarantee that unsuitable material will *never* appear on a computer connected to the school network.
- The school cannot accept liability for any material accessed, or any consequences of Internet access, although it will do all that is possible to reduce the risk of inappropriate material being accessed.
- The e-safety coordinator and technician will monitor the network regularly to establish that the e-safety policy is adequate and that the implementation of the e-safety policy is appropriate and effective.

5 Communicating e-Safety

5.1 We will ensure pupils are e-safety aware by:

- Informing pupils that the school network and Internet use will be monitored.
- Delivering a programme of training in e-safety which will be developed and delivered making use of appropriate materials. This is taught through the Purple Mash Schemes of Work for Computing which were adopted by the school in spring 2020.
- Ensuring pupils have read and signed the pupil A.U.P. Those pupils who have not should not be allowed unsupervised access to the Internet until the aforementioned document has been returned.

5.2. We will ensure that staff and governors are e-safety aware by:

- Giving a copy of the School's e-safety Policy to relevant adults and explaining its importance.
- Informing staff that the network and internet traffic can be monitored and traced to the individual user.
- Explaining that those managing filtering systems or monitoring ICT work have clear procedures for reporting issues under the supervision of the S.L.T.
- Ensuring staff understand that telephone or online communications with students can occasionally lead to misunderstandings or even malicious accusations. Staff must take care always to maintain a professional relationship in any discourse they have with parents, carers and pupils.
- Ensuring new staff are familiar with the e-safety policy and procedures
- Ensuring staff have read and signed the Staff A.U.P.

5.3 We enlist the support of Parents and Carers by:

- Drawing parents and carers attention to the School e-Safety Policy in newsletters, the school brochure, on the school website and through any other relevant correspondence that may be sent out to families.
- Providing parents and carers with current and up-to-date advice on e-safety issues.
- Maintaining a selection of e-safety resources for parents and carers to access. These are available in the school foyer, with other copies being available upon request.
- Ensuring that parents and carers sign and return a consent form based on part of the pupil A.U.P.

5.4 Handling e-safety complaints:

- Complaints of Internet misuse will be referred to the e-safety coordinator.
- Any complaint about staff misuse will be referred directly to the Head-teacher.
- Complaints of a child protection nature must be dealt with in accordance with the school's child protection procedures and referred to one of the school's D.S.L.'s (Designated Senior Leads)

6 Monitoring and Review

6.1 The monitoring of all issues related to e-safety at school is the primary responsibility of the e-safety officer / Computing subject leader and the school's Senior Leadership Team.

6.2 Review: This policy will be reviewed every two years, in line with all other school policies.