



Park and Parkwall Primary Federation Online Safety Policy

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Online Safety Policy

This Online Safety Policy has been developed, and will be reviewed and monitored by;

- School IT Subject Leaders
- Executive Headteacher- Kathryn Absalom

Schedule for Development, Monitoring and Review

Policy ratified by the <i>Governing Body</i> on:	
The implementation of this policy will be monitored by:	Online Safety Group
Monitoring will take place:	Annually
The <i>Governing Body</i> will receive a report on the implementation including reported incidents:	Annually
This policy will be reviewed:	Annually
Should serious e-safety incidents take place, the following external persons / agencies will be informed:	Nick Pearce – Technical and Filtering Jo Briscoe – Teaching and Learning Adviser IT

Scope of the Policy

This policy applies to **all** members of the school community (including volunteers, parents/carers, visitors and community users) who have access to and are users of school IT systems. It applies in school but also out of school where actions relate directly to school set activity or use of school online systems. The Education and Inspections Act 2006 empowers Head teachers, to such extent as is reasonable, to regulate the behaviour of students / pupils when they are off the school site and empowers members of staff to impose disciplinary penalties for inappropriate behaviour. This is relevant to incidents such as online bullying, which may take place out of school, but are linked to membership of the school. The school will deal with such incidents within this policy and associated behaviour and anti-bullying policies and will, inform parents / carers of known incidents of inappropriate e-safety behaviour that take place out of school.

This policy should be read alongside the acceptable use policies for staff and pupils.

Roles and Responsibilities

These are clearly detailed in Appendix 1 for all members of the school community.

- The governors have overall responsibility for ratifying the policy, ensuring that it is implemented.
- The Head teacher is responsible for ensuring the safety (including online safety) of members of the school community. The head teacher is also the designated person for child protection and is trained in online safety issues and aware of the potential for serious child protection issues to arise from sharing of personal data, access to illegal / inappropriate materials, inappropriate on-line contact with adults / strangers, potential or actual incidents of grooming and online bullying.
- The ICT leaders are responsible for the review and effectiveness of the Online Safety policy and the acceptable use policies.

Training and Awareness Raising

There is a planned programme of online safety training for **all** staff and governors to ensure that they understand their responsibilities, as outlined in this, and the acceptable use policies. The following actions are undertaken to raise awareness:

- An annual e-safety staff training session, including incident reporting protocols and all training logged.
- The IT subject leaders receive regular updates through attendance at relevant training such as SWGfL and LA training sessions and by receiving regular e-safety updates from the South Gloucestershire Traded Services.
- Any reported incidents and how they are addressed are discussed and used as an opportunity to test our processes and update staff on how to deal with issues.
- The e-safety leaders provide advice/guidance and training as required to individuals and seeks LA advice on issues where appropriate.
- Annual Online safety awareness briefing offered to all parents

Induction Processes

- All new staff receives online safety training as part of their induction programme.
- Parents of new reception children receive an acceptable use policy which they sign
- Parents of children who join school mid-year are made aware of the processes and their children are also introduced to the acceptable use policy.

Curriculum Provision

Online Safety is now a statutory part of the computing curriculum. However, we are aware that outside school, children will be using unfiltered internet provision. We believe it is crucial to educate children about how to behave responsibly online and how to keep themselves and others safe. Children and young people need the help and support of the school and parents to recognise and avoid e-safety risks. There is a planned and progressive scheme of work for e-safety, which is taught at every year group. This is based around the Digital Literacy Curriculum by SWGfL and, across the key stages, covers strands on:

- Internet safety
- Privacy and security
- Relationships and communication
- Online Bullying
- Information literacy
- Self-image and identity
- Digital footprint and reputation
- Creative credit and copyright
- Fake news and scams

The Computing subject leaders monitor the curriculum provision

Annual online safety events, such as Safer Internet Day, are also used to raise awareness.

Rules for Keeping Safe

These are reinforced through the following:

- All pupils (including those considered to be more vulnerable than others) are helped to understand and agree with the student acceptable use policy and school rules for e-safety and are encouraged to act accordingly.
- KS2 pupils sign the acceptable use agreement. This is also communicated to parents who we hope will reinforce the messages at home.
- All classes have online safety rules displayed in their classroom and staff regularly refer to these. Rules are also displayed in other areas where IT is used.
- Staff act as good role models in their own use of IT.
- Staff are aware that there may be some children that are more vulnerable than others to being approached online and endeavour to ensure that these children understand the issues involved.
- Online behaviour is dealt with in accordance with our behaviour policy.

Self-evaluation and Improvement

The school undertakes self-evaluation in order to inform actions to improve online safety provision through the following:

- Local authority safeguarding audit
- Surveys with pupils and staff

Parents / Carers

Parents have a critical role to play in supporting their children with managing online safety risks at home, and reinforcing key messages about e-safety. The school supports parents to do this by:

- Termly bulletin from Federation
- Providing clear acceptable use policy guidance
- Providing web site articles and links to key information to keep parents informed
- Offer an awareness raising meeting for parents
- Communicating reported issues to parents so that they can take appropriate steps to follow these up with their child at home

Technical Issues

The local authority provides technical and curriculum guidance for online safety issues for **all** South Gloucestershire schools.

Password Access to Systems

All our systems are accessed via an individual log in. Users have passwords and are encouraged to change these regularly. **Users are told that passwords must never be shared for any IT system and that they are responsible for any actions taken using their log in.**

Internet Provider and Filtering

The South Gloucestershire school internet service is provided by Traded Services and this includes a filtering service to limit access to unacceptable material for all users. Illegal content is filtered by actively employing the Internet Watch Foundation CAIC list. Content lists are regularly updated and internet use is logged and regularly monitored. However, we are aware that no filtering is completely infallible and consequently focus on teaching pupils to keep safe through our curriculum and teaching. There are two different levels of filtering which are targeted towards different user groups. As a consequence teacher and staff users have access to some resources for teaching that is filtered for learners.

Requests from staff for sites to be removed from the filtered list must be approved by the head teacher and this is logged and documented by a process that is agreed by the Headteacher. Any filtering requests for change and issues are reported immediately to the South Gloucestershire technical team on 3838.

Proactive monitoring is in place via a monitoring box provided by SWGfL. Should anyone attempt to access illegal content this is immediately reported to the police. Illegal activity would include attempting to access:

- child sexual abuse images
- adult material which potentially breaches the Obscene Publications Act
- criminally racist material
- other criminal conduct, activity or materials

Technical Staff - Roles and Responsibilities

Where the local authority provides technical support the “administrator” passwords for the school are not held by the school and the local authority are responsible for their security and any implications of their use.

The school ensures, when working with our technical support provider that the recommended guidelines are adhered to.

- There are regular reviews and audits of the safety and security of school IT systems.
- Servers, wireless systems and cabling are securely located and physical access is restricted.
- All users have clearly defined access rights to school IT systems and are provided with a username and password by the technical support provider.
- Users are responsible for the security of their username and password, must not allow other users to access the systems using their log on details and must immediately report any suspicion or evidence that there has been a breach of security.
- An agreed protocol is in place for the provision of temporary access of “guests” (e.g. trainee teachers, visitors) onto the school system.
- School IT technical staff regularly monitor and record the activity of users on the school IT systems and users are made aware of this in the Acceptable Use Policy.
- Appropriate security measures are in place to protect the servers, firewalls, routers, wireless systems, work stations etc from accidental or malicious attempts which might threaten the security of the school systems and data.
- The school infrastructure and individual workstations are protected by up to date virus software.
- An agreed policy is in place that forbids staff from installing programmes on school workstations / portable devices.

- An agreed policy is detailed regarding the use of removable media (e.g. memory sticks / CDs / DVDs) by users on school workstations / portable devices in our acceptable use agreement.

Use of Digital Images and Video

With the availability of mobile devices and tablets, taking and sharing images and video are much easier and, if not managed, this could increase the potential risk of misuse. The school informs and educates users about the risks associated with digital images and these are outlined in the acceptable use policies

Communications Technologies and Social Media

A wide range of communications technologies have the potential to enhance learning and management. The acceptable use policies outline how these systems should be used.

Copyright

IT subject leaders are responsible for making sure that software licence audit is regularly updated and also making regular checks to ensure the number of software installations matches the licences held. Where there are insufficient licences this could breach the Copyright Act, which may lead to fines or unexpected additional license costs.

Data Protection

Personal Data is defined as 'any data which relate to a living individual who can be identified from the data.' This includes opinion about the individual. Sensitive Personal Data about a person includes information about their:

- racial or ethnic origin,
- political opinions,
- their religious beliefs or other beliefs of a similar nature,
- whether they are a member of a trade union,
- their physical or mental health or condition,

Transfer of Data

Whenever possible secure online storage is used to ensure that documents do not need to be transferred to limit the risk. We ensure that data is stored in accordance with the requirements laid down by the Information Commissioner's Office and within the EU. This also applies to cloud storage used.

The school ensures that:

- It holds the minimum personal data necessary to enable it to perform its function and does not hold it for longer than necessary for the purposes it was collected for.
- The data held is accurate, up to date and inaccuracies are corrected as quickly as possible.
- All personal data is fairly obtained in accordance with our "Privacy Notice" and lawfully processed in accordance with the "Conditions for Processing" as outlined in the policy on the South Gloucestershire IMS Traded Services web site. (see link here to download this policy)
- Personal and sensitive data relating to pupils or staff is not e-mailed as this is not secure.
- Personal data including assessment data is transferred using secure file transfer.
- Where information does need to be transferred between devices then encrypted memory sticks are used.
- It has clear and understood arrangements for the security, storage and transfer of personal data
- It is registered as a Data Controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act (DPA)
- There is a Senior Information Risk Officer (SIRO) and Information Asset Owner (IAOs) in place.
- Risk assessments are regularly carried out.
- Data subjects have a right to access their data and there are clear procedures for this.
- There are clear and understood policies and routines for the deletion and disposal of data.
- There is a policy for reporting, logging, managing and recovering from information risk incidents.
- There are clear Data Protection clauses in all contracts where personal data may be passed to third parties.
- The staff acceptable use policy clearly defines the data protection measures that staff should take and how data can be securely stored and deleted.

Reporting and Recording

There are clear reporting mechanisms in place for e-safety incidents and all staff are regularly reminded of

these and fully aware of their responsibilities to follow up any reported issues.

- Online safety issues are reported to the Online Safety Lead using MyConcern. If these include allegations of bullying then the anti-bullying policy is followed.
- Issues which may impact on the well-being and safety of a child are reported directly to the Child Protection Lead and Child Protection procedures are followed.
- Members of staff who are targeted by bullying online report these issues to the head teacher.
- Any member of staff seeing something online that is negative about the school, reports this to the head teacher.
- Pupils are encouraged to report any incidents to an adult whether it relates to themselves or a friend. We encourage children to take responsibility for protecting each other.
- If issues could be a result of problems with infrastructure or may affect it then the technical support provider is informed immediately (for South Gloucestershire support 3838).
- If access to an unsuitable site is reported then the Online Safety lead will alert the technical support team by ringing 3838 to ensure that this is blocked.
- Serious incidents are escalated to local authority staff for advice and guidance
 - Nick Pearce – Infrastructure, Technical and Filtering - 3838
 - Jo Briscoe – Curriculum and Policy – 3349
 - Leigh Zywek – Safeguarding and Child Protection - 5933
- For incidents affecting school staff the Professionals Online Safety Helpline is contacted for advice if necessary on helpline@saferinternet.org.uk or 0844 381 4772.

Any reported incidents are logged on My Concern and followed up in accordance with the relevant policy depending on the issue. The response is also logged and serious issues are followed up after an interval of time to ensure that they are fully resolved.

Monitoring

The school will monitor the impact of the policy using:

- Logs of reported incidents and responses on My Concern
- Monitoring logs of internet activity and any network monitoring data
- Surveys / questionnaires of students, parents / carers, and staff including non-teaching staff
- Monitoring information about the teaching programme and coverage within the curriculum
- Regularly checking that pupils and staff are clear about how to report incidents and respond to them
- The content of the web site is regularly monitored by governors and senior leaders to ensure that it complies with this policy and the acceptable use policies.
- Any other web site, such as the school friends, that is linked to the school name is also regularly monitored to ensure that the school is always presented accurately and professionally.

Appendix 1: Roles and Responsibilities

Role	Responsibility
Governors	Approve and ratify the policy.
Online Safety Group	Assess and review the effectiveness of the Online Safety Policy and acceptable use policies They monitor of e-safety incidents, filtering, changes to filtering and then report to Governors
Head teacher and Senior Leaders:	Ensure that all staff receive suitable CPD to carry out their e-safety roles and sufficient resource is allocated. Ensure that there is a system in place for monitoring e-safety Follow correct procedure in the event of a serious e-safety allegation being made against a member of staff Inform the local authority about any serious e-safety issues including filtering Ensure that the school infrastructure / network is safe and secure and that policies and procedures approved within this policy are implemented.
IT Leaders	Lead on Online Safety and deal with day to day e-safety issues Lead role in establishing / reviewing e-safety policies / documents, Ensure all staff are aware of the procedures outlined in policies Provide and/or brokering training and advice for staff, Attend updates and liaising with the LA e-safety staff and technical staff, Deal with logged e-safety incidents including changes to filtering, Meet with governors, when needed, to discuss incidents and review the My Concern Report with the Senior Leadership Team when needed. Ensure e-safety is reflected in teaching programmes where relevant eg anti bullying, English publishing and copyright and is reflected in relevant policies.
Teaching and Support Staff	Participate in any training and awareness raising sessions Have read, understood and signed the Staff Acceptable Use Agreement (AUP) Act in accordance with the AUP and online safety policy Report any suspected misuse or problem on My Concern Monitor IT activity in lessons, extra-curricular and extended school activities
Students / pupils	Participate in e-safety activities, follow the acceptable use policy and report any suspected misuse Understand that the E-Safety Policy covers actions out of school that are related to their membership of the school
Parents and carers	Endorse (by signature) the Student / Pupil Acceptable Use Policy Ensure that their child / children follow acceptable use rules at home Discuss e-safety issues with their child / children and monitor their home use of IT systems (including mobile phones and games devices) and the internet Access the school website in accordance with the relevant school Acceptable Use Policy. Keep up to date with issues through school updates and attendance at events
Technical Support Provider	Ensure the school's IT infrastructure is secure in accordance with Becta guidelines and is not open to misuse or malicious attack Ensure users may only access the school network through an enforced password protection policy, where passwords are regularly changed for those who access children's data Inform the head teacher of issues relating to the filtering applied by the Grid Keep up to date with e-safety technical information and update others as relevant Ensure use of the network is regularly monitored in order that any misuse / attempted misuse can be reported to the E-Safety Co-ordinator for investigation / action / sanction. Ensure monitoring software / systems are implemented and updated Ensure all security updates / patches are applied (including up to date anti-virus definitions, windows updates) and that reasonable attempts are made to prevent spyware and malware.
Visitors/ Parents/ Carers and volunteers	Sign and follow the AUP before being provided with access to school systems.