

# **Penn Fields School E-Safety & Acceptable Use Policy**

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## Rationale

The requirement to ensure that children and young people are able to use the internet and related communications technologies appropriately and safely is addressed as part of the wider duty of care to which all who work in schools are bound. The use of these exciting and innovative tools in school and at home has been shown to raise educational standards and promote pupil / student achievement.

However, the use of these new technologies can put young people at risk within and outside the school. Some of the dangers they may face include:

- Access to illegal, harmful, or inappropriate images or other content
- Access to unsuitable video / internet games
- Cyber-bullying
- Inappropriate communication / contact with others, including strangers internet.
- The potential for excessive use which may impact on the social and emotional development and learning of the young person.
- The risk of being subject to grooming by those with whom they make contact on the
- The sharing / distribution of personal images without an individual's consent or knowledge
- Un-authorised access to / loss of / sharing of personal information

Many of these risks reflect situations in the off-line world and it is essential that this e-safety policy is used in conjunction with other school policies (e.g. behaviour, anti-bullying and child protection policies).

It is impossible to eliminate those risks completely. It is therefore essential, through good educational provision to build pupils' resilience to the risks to which they may be exposed, so that they have the confidence and skills to face and deal with these risks.

This policy supports this by identifying the risks and the steps we are taking to avoid them. The breadth of issues classified within online safety is considerable, but can be categorised into four areas of risk as stated within Keeping Children Safe in Education:

- content: being exposed to illegal, inappropriate or harmful content, for example: pornography, fake news, racism, misogyny, self-harm, suicide, anti-Semitism, radicalisation and extremism.
- contact: being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users; for example: peer to peer pressure, commercial advertising and adults posing as children or young adults with the intention to groom or exploit them for sexual, criminal, financial or other purposes'.
- conduct: personal online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes, harm; for example, making, sending, and receiving explicit images (e.g. consensual and non consensual sharing of nudes and semi-nudes and/or pornography, sharing other

explicit images and online bullying; and

- commerce - risks such as online gambling, inappropriate advertising, phishing and or financial scams. If you feel your pupils, students or staff are at risk, please report it to the Anti-Phishing Working Group.  
(DfE Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022)

### 1. Developing and Monitoring

Role	Name Person
ITC Lead	Neil Yates
Designated Safeguarding Officer	Jackie Callaghan
Data Protection Officer	Carl Banks

### 2. Scope of the Policy

This policy applies to all members of the school community (including staff, students, volunteers, parents / carers, visitors, community users) who have access to and are users of school ICT systems, both in and out of school.

The Education and Inspections Act 2006 empowers Headteachers, to such extent as is reasonable, to regulate the behaviour of students when they are off the school site and empowers members of staff to impose disciplinary penalties for inappropriate behaviour. This is pertinent to incidents of cyber-bullying or other on-line e-safety incidents covered by this policy, which may take place out of school, but is linked to membership of the school.

The 2011 Education Act increased these powers with regard to the search for and of electronic devices and the deletion of data. In the case of both these acts, action can only be taken in relation to our published Behaviour Policy.

The school will deal with such incidents within this policy and associated behaviour and anti-bullying policies and will, where known, inform parents / carers of incidents of inappropriate e-safety behaviour that take place out of school

### 3. Roles and Responsibilities

The following section outlines the e-safety roles and responsibilities of individuals and groups within the *school*.

#### **Governors:**

Governors are responsible for the approval of the E-Safety Policy and for reviewing its effectiveness

#### **Headteacher/Senior Leaders**

- The Headteacher has a duty of care for ensuring the safety (including e-safety) of members of the school community, though the day to day responsibility for e-safety will be delegated to the E-Safety Lead (ICT lead). The DSL has overall responsibility for online safety, and this cannot be delegated.
- The Headteacher, and DSL are aware of the procedures to be followed in the event of a serious e-safety allegation being made against a member of staff. (see flow chart on dealing with e-safety incidents – included in a later section – “Responding to incidents of misuse” and relevant Local Authority HR / other relevant body disciplinary procedures).
- The Headteacher/Senior Leaders are responsible for ensuring that the ICT lead and other relevant staff receive suitable training to enable them to carry out their e-safety roles and to train other colleagues, as relevant.
- The Headteacher/Senior Leaders will ensure that there is a system in place to allow for monitoring and support of those in school who carry out the internal e-safety monitoring role. This is to provide a safety net and also support to those colleagues who take on important monitoring roles. This role is carried out through E-Services.
- The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring that parents and carers, when given access to data and information relating to their child / children, via any cloud-based website, Learning Platform or Gateway, have adequate information and guidance relating to the safe and appropriate use of this online facility

#### **E-Safety Coordinator & DSL:**

The role of E-Safety Coordinator is currently held by the Mr Yates ICT teacher. The DSL is Ms Callaghan and Joint responsibilities of this role include:

- taking day to day responsibility for e-safety issues and has a leading role in establishing and reviewing the school e-safety policies / documents.
- ensuring that all staff are aware of the procedures that need to be followed in the event of an e-safety incident taking place.
- ensuring that good practice and training is filtered down to all staff, governors, and parents through information on the school website.
- providing regular training and advice for staff.
- liaising with the Local Authority / relevant body.
- liaising with school technical staff.
- receiving reports of e-safety incidents and creating a log of incidents on My concerns.
- attending relevant meetings of Governors.
- reporting regularly to Senior Leadership Team.

They should be trained in E-safety issues and be aware of the potential for serious child protection / safeguarding issues to arise from:

- Sharing of personal data.
- The additional risks learners with SEN and disabilities face online.

- Access to illegal/ inappropriate materials.
- The proven link between mental health concerns and safeguarding issues.
- Inappropriate on-line contact with adults/ strangers.
- Potential or actual incidents of grooming.
- Cyber-bullying.
- Child Sexual Exploitation and Child Criminal Exploitation and the role which technology can play within these areas.
- Up skirting and that people of any gender can be a victim.
- Remote learning and the challenges that it can provide our learners, parents and staff.
- Child on child sexual violence and sexual harassment that can occur on and off-line.

### **Teaching and Support Staff**

Are responsible for ensuring that:

- they have an up to date awareness of E-safety matters and of the current *school* E-safety policy and practices.
- they have read, understood and signed the Staff Acceptable Use Policy (AUP).
- they report any suspected misuse or problem to the E-Safety Coordinator or DSL for investigation.
- all digital communications with students/ parents/ carers should be on a professional level and only carried out using official school systems.
- E-safety issues are embedded in all aspects of the curriculum and other activities.
- students understand and follow the e-safety and acceptable use policies.
- students have a good understanding of research skills and the need to avoid plagiarism and uphold copyright regulations.
- they monitor the use of digital technologies, mobile devices, cameras etc. in lessons and other school activities (where allowed) and implement current policies with regard to these devices.
- They pass on any low-level safeguarding concerns about other members of the teaching and support staff to the DSL.
- LGBTQ+ students are more at risk of abuse online or otherwise and all staff should ensure that they are protected wherever possible.
- LGBTQ+ inclusions is part of the statutory Relationships Education and Relationships and Sex Education Curriculum and should be supported in lessons.
- in lessons where internet use is pre-planned students should be guided to sites checked as suitable for their use and that processes are in place for dealing with any unsuitable material that is found in internet searches.
- When engaging in remote learning, either themselves, or with students they continue to monitor students and report any actions that they see to be unsafe from an eSafety perspective.

### **Students:**

- are responsible for using the school ICT systems in accordance with the Student Acceptable Use Policy.
- have a good understanding of research skills and the need to avoid plagiarism and uphold copyright regulation.
- need to understand the importance of reporting abuse, misuse or access to inappropriate materials and know how to do so.
- will be expected to know and understand school rules on the use of mobile devices and digital cameras. They should also know and understand school rules on the taking/ use of images and on cyber-bullying.

- should understand the importance of adopting good e-safety practice when using digital technologies out of school and realise that the school's E-Safety Policy covers their actions out of school, if related to their membership of the school.
- Should understand the importance of good practice within eSafety when joining in with remote learning.

### **Parents/ Carers**

Parents/ Carers play a crucial role in ensuring that their children understand the need to use the internet/ mobile devices in an appropriate way. The school will take every opportunity to help parents understand these issues through parents' evenings, newsletters, letters, website and information about national/ local e-safety campaigns/ literature.

Parents will also have access to eSafety information from National Online Safety in the form of videos and guides to support their knowledge of eSafety. Parents and carers will be encouraged to support the school in promoting good e-safety practice and to follow guidelines on the appropriate use of:

- Digital and video images taken at school events.
- Access to parents' sections of the website/ VLE and on-line student records.
- Any loaned IT equipment to support their child's use of remote learning.

## **4. Education and Training**

### **Students**

Whilst regulation and technical solutions are very important, their use must be balanced by educating students to take a responsible approach. The education of students in e-safety is therefore an essential part of the school's e-safety provision. Children and young people need the help and support of the school to recognise and avoid e-safety risks and build their resilience.

E-safety should be a focus in all areas of the curriculum and staff should reinforce e-safety messages across the curriculum. The eSafety curriculum should be broad, relevant and provide progression, with opportunities for creative activities and will be provided in the following ways in lessons and should be regularly revisited:

- Key e-safety messages should be reinforced as part of a planned programme of assemblies and tutorial/ pastoral activities in addition to special events such as Safer Internet Week.
- Students should be taught in all lessons to be critically aware of the materials/ content they access on-line and be guided to validate the accuracy of information.
- Students should be taught to acknowledge the source of information used and to respect copyright when using material accessed on the internet.
- Students should be helped to understand the need for the Student Acceptable Use Agreement and encouraged to adopt safe and responsible use both within and outside school.
- Staff should act as good role models in their use of digital technologies the internet and mobile devices.
- Where students are allowed to freely search the internet, staff should be vigilant in monitoring the content of the websites the young people visit.
- It is accepted that from time to time, for good educational reasons, students may need to research topics (eg racism, drugs, discrimination) that would normally result in internet searches being blocked. In such a situation, staff can request that the Network

Manager can temporarily remove those sites from the filtered list for the period of study. Any request to do so, should be auditable, with clear reasons for the need.

- Where students are using loaned equipment to support their remote learning, they are to be aware that the devices they use can be monitored remotely for behaviour that is deemed in breach of school policies and acceptable use.

### **Education Parents/ Carers**

Many parents and carers have only a limited understanding of E-safety risks and issues, yet they play an essential role in the education of their children and in the monitoring / regulation of the children's on-line behaviours. Parents may underestimate how often children and young people come across potentially harmful and inappropriate material on the internet and may be unsure about how to respond.

The school will therefore seek to provide information and awareness to parents and carers through:

- Letters, newsletters, website.
- Parents/ Carers evenings/ sessions.
- High profile events/ campaigns eg Safer Internet Day.
- Reference to the relevant web sites/ publications on the school's website.
- Access to information on the school website from National Online Safety.

### **Education and Training – Staff**

It is essential that all staff receive e-safety training and understand their responsibilities, as outlined in this policy. Training will be offered as follows:

- A planned programme of formal e-safety training will be made available to staff. This will be regularly updated and reinforced. An audit of the e-safety training needs of all staff will be carried out regularly. It is hoped that some staff will identify e-safety as a training need within the performance management process.
- Annually all teaching staff will undertake the NOS certificated Online safety for teaching staff online course.
- All new staff should receive e-safety training as part of their induction programme, ensuring that they fully understand the school e-safety policy and Acceptable Use Agreements.
- The E-Safety Coordinator will receive regular updates through attendance at external training events (eg from LTT) and by reviewing guidance documents released by relevant organisations.
- This E-Safety policy and its updates will be presented to and discussed by staff in staff meetings/ INSET days.
- The E-Safety Coordinator will provide advice/ guidance/ training to individuals as required.

## **5. Technical – Infrastructure / equipment, filtering and monitoring**

The school will be responsible for ensuring that the school infrastructure / network is as safe and secure as is reasonably possible and that procedures approved within this policy are implemented. It will also need to ensure that the relevant people named in the above sections will be effective in carrying out their e-safety responsibilities.

- School ICT systems will be managed through the managed service provider E-Services, in ways that ensure that the school meets the e-safety technical requirements for Wolverhampton Local Authority.
- Servers, wireless systems, and cabling must be securely located and physical access restricted
- All users will have clearly defined access rights to school ICT systems
- Staff will be made 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
- The school maintains and supports the managed filtering service provided by E-Services.
- Any incidents or activities regarding filtering will be handled in accordance with policy.
- Remote management tools are used by the managed service provider to control workstations and view users' activity
- Appropriate security measures are in place, provided by the managed service provider, to protect the servers, firewalls, routers, wireless systems, workstations, handheld devices etc from accidental or malicious attempts which might threaten the security of the school systems and data
- Guest access to the school network will be authorised by the School Office Team through the provision of limited access guest accounts which do not give access to personal information about pupils or staff. The school infrastructure and individual workstations are protected by up-to-date anti-virus software and maintained by E-Services
- processes and policies are in place to prevent personal data being sent over the internet or taken off school site

## **6. Use of digital and video images**

The development of digital imaging technologies has created significant benefits to learning, allowing staff and students instant use of images that they have recorded themselves or downloaded from the internet. However, staff, parents/ carers and students need to be aware of the risks associated with publishing digital images on the internet. Such images may provide avenues for cyberbullying to take

place. Digital images may remain available on the internet forever and may cause harm or embarrassment to individuals in the short or longer term. It is common for employers to carry out internet searches for information about potential and existing employees. The school will inform and educate users about these risks and will implement policies to reduce the likelihood of the potential for harm:

- When using digital images, staff should inform and educate students about the risks associated with the taking, use, sharing, publication and distribution of images. In particular they should recognise the risks attached to publishing their own images on the internet e.g. on social networking sites.
- In accordance with guidance from the Information Commissioner's Office, parents/ carers are welcome to take videos and digital images of their children at school events for their own personal use (as such use is not covered by the Data Protection Act). To respect everyone's privacy and in some cases protection, these images should not be published/ made publicly available on social networking sites, nor should parents/ carers comment on any activities involving other students in the digital/ video images.
- Staff and volunteers are allowed to take digital/ video images to support educational aims, but must follow school policies concerning the sharing, distribution and publication of those images. Those images should only be taken on school equipment, the personal equipment of staff should not be used for such purposes.
- Care should be taken when taking digital / video images that students are appropriately dressed and are not participating in activities that might bring the individuals or the school into disrepute.
- Students must not take, use, share, publish or distribute images of others without their permission.
- Photographs published on the website, or elsewhere that include students will be selected carefully and will comply with good practice guidance on the use of such images.
- Students' full names will not be used anywhere on a website or blog, particularly in association with photographs.
- Written permission from parents or carers will be obtained before photographs of students are published on the school website.
- Student's work can only be published with the permission of the student and parents or carers.

### **Data Protection**

Personal data will be recorded, processed, transferred and made available according to the Data Protection Act 2018 which states that personal data must be:

- Fairly and lawfully processed.
- Processed for limited purposes.
- Adequate, relevant and not excessive.
- Accurate.

- Kept no longer than is necessary.
- Processed in accordance with the data subject's rights.
- Secure.
- Only transferred to others with adequate protection.

Staff must be aware that an incident which breaches the Data Protection Act may result in the school or an individual fine

Staff must also ensure that they:

- Take care at all times, to ensure the safe keeping of personal data, minimising the risk of its loss or misuse.
- Access personal data on secure password protected computers and other devices or via any online Learning Platform or SMIS ensuring that they are properly "logged-off" at the end of any session in which they are using personal data
- Transfer data using encryption and secure password protected devices.
- The data must be encrypted and password protected
- The device must be password protected (many memory sticks / cards and other mobile devices cannot be password protected and cannot be used).
- The device must offer approved virus and malware checking software.

## Communications

A wide range of rapidly developing communications technologies has the potential to enhance learning. The following table shows how the school currently considers the benefit of using these technologies for education outweighs their risks / disadvantages:

Communication Technologies	Staff and other adults				Students			
	Allowed	Allowed at certain times	Allowed for selective staff	Not allowed	Not allowed	Allowed	Allowed at certain times	Allowed with staff permission
Mobile phones may be brought into school.	x						x	
Use of mobile phones in lessons.				x	x			
Use of mobile phones in social time.		x			x			
Taking photos on mobile phones.				x	x			
Use of other mobile devices e.g. Tablets, gaming devices.	x						x	
Use of personal email addresses in school, or on school network.			x		x			
Use of school email for personal emails.		x			x			
Use of messaging apps.			x		x			
Use of social media.			X				x	
Use of blogs.		x					x	

When using communication technologies the school considers the following as good practice:

- The official school email service may be regarded as safe and secure and is monitored. Users should be aware that email communications are monitored. Staff and students should therefore use only the school email service to communicate with others when in school, or on school systems (e.g. by remote access).
- Users must immediately report, to the nominated person – in accordance with the school policy, the receipt of any communication that makes them feel uncomfortable, is offensive, discriminatory, threatening or bullying in nature and must not respond to any such communication.
- Any digital communication between staff and students or parents/ carers (school email, class dojo or future approved communication app.) must be professional in tone and

content. These communications may only take place on official (monitored) school systems. Personal email addresses, text messaging or social media must not be used for these communications.

- Whole class/ group email addresses may be used at KS1 and 2, while students at KS3 and above will be provided with individual school email addresses for educational use
- Students should be taught about e-safety issues, such as the risks attached to the sharing of personal details. They should also be taught strategies to deal with inappropriate communications and be reminded of the need to communicate appropriately when using digital technologies.
- Personal information should not be posted on the school website and only official email addresses should be used to identify members of staff.

### **Social Media - Protecting Professional Identity**

All schools, academies and local authorities have a duty of care to provide a safe learning environment for students and staff. Schools and local authorities could be held responsible, indirectly for acts of their employees in the course of their employment. Staff members who harass, cyberbully, discriminate on the grounds of sex, race or disability or who defame a third party may render the school or local authority liable to the injured party. Reasonable steps to prevent predictable harm must be in place.

The school provides the following measures to ensure reasonable steps are in place to minimize risk of harm to students, staff and the school through limiting access to personal information:

- Training to include acceptable use; social media risks; checking of settings; data protection; reporting issues.
- Clear reporting guidance, including responsibilities, procedures, and sanctions.
- Risk assessment, including legal risk.

School staff should ensure that:

- No reference should be made in social media to students, parents/ carers or school staff.
- They do not engage in online discussion on personal matters relating to members of the school community,
- Personal opinions should not be attributed to the Penn Fields or the local authority,
- Security settings on personal social media profiles are regularly checked to minimize risk of loss of personal information.

The school's use of social media for professional purposes may be checked regularly by the DSL and e-safety coordinator to ensure compliance with the social media, Data Protection, Communications, Digital Image, and Video Policies.

## Unsuitable/ inappropriate activities

The school believes that the activities referred to in the following section would be inappropriate in a school context and that users, as defined below, should not engage in these activities in school or outside school when using school equipment or systems. The school policy restricts usage as follows:

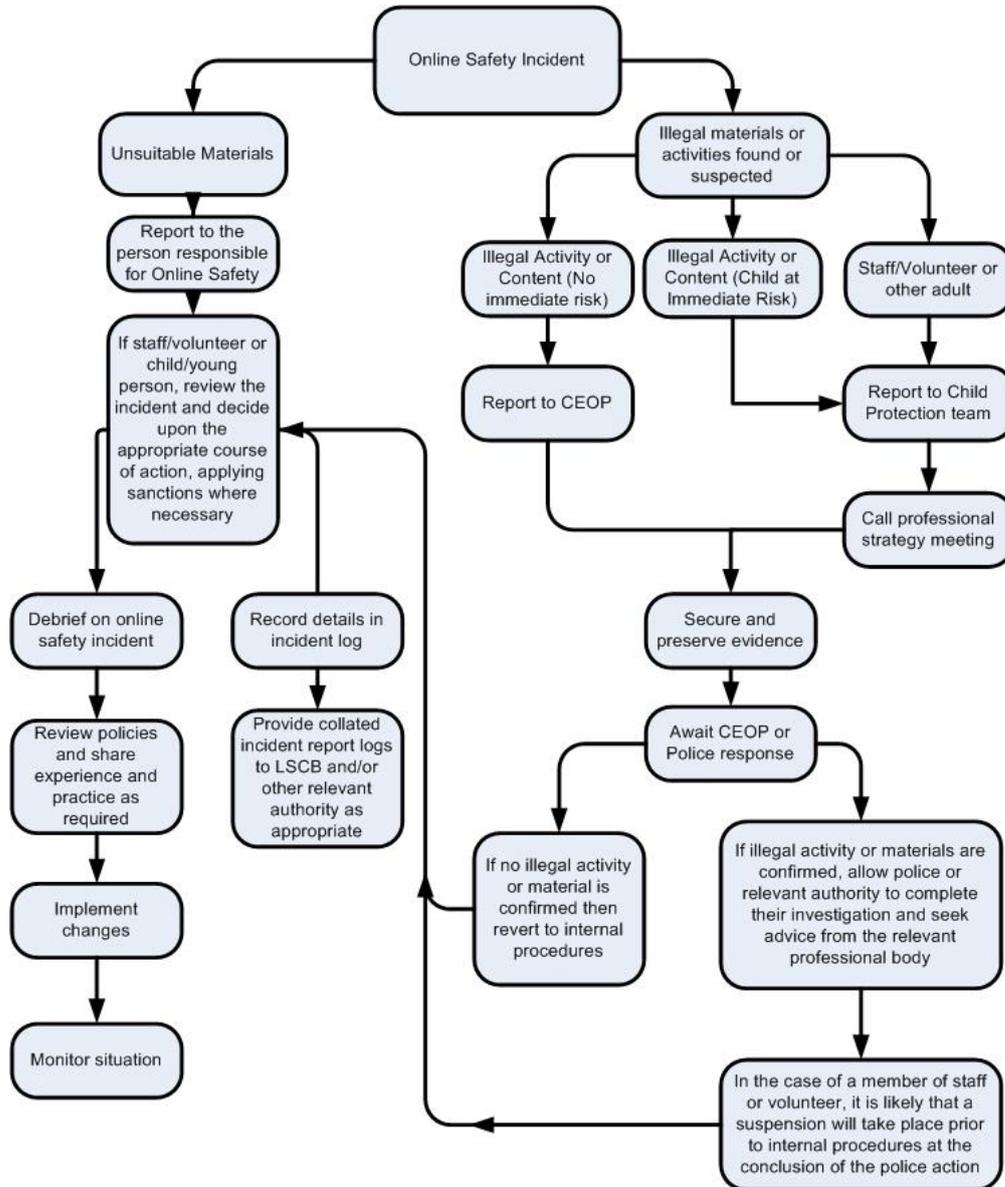
Actions		Acceptable	Acceptable at certain times	Acceptable for nominated users	Unacceptable	Unacceptable and illegal
Users shall not visit Internet sites, make, post, download, upload, data transfer, communicate or pass on, material, remarks, proposals or comments that contain or relate to:	Child sexual abuse images –The making, production or distribution of indecent images of children. Contrary to The Protection of Children Act 1978					X
	Grooming, incitement, arrangement or facilitation of sexual acts against children Contrary to the Sexual Offences Act 2003.					X
	Possession of an extreme pornographic image (grossly offensive, disgusting or otherwise of an obscene character) Contrary to the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008					X
	criminally racist material in UK – to stir up religious hatred (or hatred on the grounds of sexual orientation) - contrary to the Public Order Act 1986					X
	pornography				X	
	promotion of any kind of discrimination				X	
	threatening behaviour, including promotion of physical violence or mental harm				X	
	any other information which may be offensive to colleagues or breaches the integrity of the ethos of the school or brings the school into disrepute				X	
Using school systems to run a private business					X	
Using systems, applications, websites or other mechanisms that bypass the filtering or other safeguards employed by the school					X	
Infringing copyright					X	
Revealing or publicising confidential or proprietary information (eg financial / personal information, databases, computer / network access codes and passwords)					X	
Creating or propagating computer viruses or other harmful files					X	
Unfair usage (downloading / uploading large files that hinders others in their use of the internet)					X	
On-line gaming (educational) – when managed by staff			X			
On-line gaming (non educational)					X	
On-line gambling					X	
On-line shopping / commerce – nominated P Card users (Business manager, Welfare Manager, Headteacher) and within context of relevant Computing lessons			X	X		
File sharing – when managed by staff				X		
Use of social media – when managed by staff			X			
Use of messaging apps – when managed by staff			X			
Use of video broadcasting e.g. Youtube – when managed by staff			X			

## Responding to incidents of misuse

This guidance is intended for use when staff need to manage incidents that involve the use of online services. It encourages a safe and secure approach to the management of the incident. Incidents might involve illegal or inappropriate activities (see “User Actions” above).

## Illegal Incidents

If there is any suspicion that the web site(s) concerned may contain child abuse images, or if there is any other suspected illegal activity, refer to the right-hand side of the Flowchart (below and appendix) for responding to online safety incidents and report immediately to the police.



## Other Incidents

It is hoped that all members of the school community will be responsible users of digital technologies, who understand and follow school policy. However, there may be times when infringements of the policy could take place, through careless or irresponsible or, very rarely, through deliberate misuse. All incidents which cause any sort of concern relating to e-safeguarding or misuse of technology should be recorded on My Concern.

**In the event of suspicion, all steps in this procedure should be followed:**

- Have more than one senior member of staff involved in this process. This is vital to protect individuals if accusations are subsequently reported.
- Conduct the procedure using a designated computer that will not be used by young people and if necessary, can be taken off site by the police should the need arise. Use the same computer for the duration of the procedure.
- It is important to ensure that the relevant staff should have appropriate internet access to conduct the procedure, but also that the sites and content visited are closely monitored and recorded (to provide further protection).
- Record the url of any site containing the alleged misuse and describe the nature of the content causing concern. It may also be necessary to record and store screenshots of the content on the machine being used for investigation. These may be printed, signed, and attached to the form (except in the case of images of child sexual abuse – see below)
- Once this has been completed and fully investigated the senior staff will need to judge whether this concern has substance or not. If it does, then appropriate action will be required and could include the following:
  - Internal response or discipline procedures
  - Involvement by Local Authority or national / local organisation (as relevant).
  - Police involvement and/or action
- **If content being reviewed includes images of Child abuse, then the monitoring should be halted and referred to the Police immediately. Other instances to report to the police would include:**
  - incidents of 'grooming' behaviour
  - the sending of obscene materials to a child
  - adult material which potentially breaches the Obscene Publications Act
  - criminally racist material
  - other criminal conduct, activity or materials
- **Isolate the computer in question as best you can. Any change to its state may hinder a later police investigation.**

It is important that all the above steps are taken as they will provide an evidence trail for the school and possibly the police and demonstrate that visits to these sites were carried out for child protection purposes. The completed form should be retained by the group for evidence and reference purposes.

## School Actions & Sanctions

It is more likely that the school will need to deal with incidents that involve inappropriate rather than illegal misuse. It is important that any incidents are dealt with as soon as possible in a proportionate manner, and that members of the school community are aware that incidents have been dealt with. It is intended that incidents of misuse will be dealt with through normal behaviour/ disciplinary procedures as follows:

Student incidents:	Actions/Sanctions:								
	Refer to class teacher	Refer to Lead for e-safety	Refer to Welfare Office/Head teacher	Refer to Police	Refer to technical support staff for action re filtering/security etc.	Inform parents/carers	Removal of network/internet access rights	Warning	Further sanction e.g. Detention /exclusion
Deliberately accessing or trying to access material that could be considered illegal (see list in earlier section on unsuitable / inappropriate activities).		X	X	X		X			X
Unauthorised use of non-educational sites during lessons	X	X			X			X	
Unauthorised use of mobile phone/digital camera/other mobile device	X	X						X	
Unauthorised use of social media/messaging apps/personal email	X	X			X			X	
Unauthorised downloading or uploading of files	X	X			X		X	X	
Allowing others to access school network by sharing username and passwords		X			X		X	X	
Attempting to access or accessing the school network, using another student's account		X			X		X	X	
Attempting to access or accessing the school network, using the account of a member of staff		X			X			X	
Corrupting or destroying the data of other users		X			X	X	X	X	
Sending an email, text or message that is regarded as offensive, harassment or of a bullying nature		X	X					X	
Continued infringements of the above, following previous warnings or sanctions			X			X	X	X	
Actions which could bring the school into disrepute or breach the integrity of the ethos of the school		X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Using proxy sites or other means to subvert the school's filtering system		X			X		X	X	
Accidentally accessing offensive or pornographic material and failing to report the incident		X			X			X	
Deliberately accessing or trying to access offensive or pornographic material		X	X		X	X		X	
Receipt or transmission of material that infringes the copyright of another person or infringes the Data Protection Act		X			X			X	

## Appendices

Student Acceptable Use Agreement template (older children)  
Student Acceptable Use Agreement template (younger children)  
Parents / Carers Acceptable Use Agreement template  
Use of Digital images/video  
Staff and Volunteers Acceptable Use Agreement Policy template  
Community Users Acceptable Use Template  
Record of reviewing sites (for internet misuse)  
Links of other policies.

# Student Acceptable Use Agreement – for Key Stage 3/4/5.

## School Policy

Digital technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people, both within schools and outside school. These technologies are powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. These technologies can stimulate discussion, promote creativity and stimulate awareness of context to promote effective learning. Young people should have an entitlement to safe internet access at all times.

### This Acceptable Use Policy is intended to ensure:

- that young people will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other digital technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.
- that school systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.

The school will try to ensure that students will have good access to digital technologies to enhance their learning and will, in return, expect the students / students to agree to be responsible users.

## Acceptable Use Policy Agreement

I understand that I must use school ICT systems in a responsible way, to ensure that there is no risk to my safety or to the safety and security of the ICT systems and other users.

### For my own personal safety:

- I understand that the school will monitor my use of the systems, devices and digital communications.
- I will keep my username and password safe and secure – I will not share it, nor will I try to use any other person's username and password. I understand that I should not write down or store a password where it is possible that someone may steal it.
- I will be aware of "stranger danger", when I am communicating on-line.
- I will not disclose or share personal information about myself or others when on-line (this could include names, addresses, email addresses, telephone numbers, age, gender, educational details, financial details etc.)
- If I arrange to meet people off-line that I have communicated with on-line, I will do so in a public place and take an adult with me.
- I will immediately report any unpleasant or inappropriate material or messages or anything that makes me feel uncomfortable when I see it on-line.

### I understand that everyone has equal rights to use technology as a resource and:

- I understand that the school systems and devices are primarily intended for educational use and that I will not use them for personal or recreational use unless I have permission.
- I will not try (unless I have permission) to make large downloads or uploads that might take up internet capacity and prevent other users from being able to carry out their work.
- I will not use the school systems or devices for on-line gaming, on-line gambling, internet shopping, file sharing, or video broadcasting (e.g. YouTube), unless I have permission of a member of staff to do so.

### I will act as I expect others to act toward me:

- I will respect others' work and property and will not access, copy, remove or otherwise alter any other user's files, without the owner's knowledge and permission.
- I will be polite and responsible when I communicate with others, I will not use strong, aggressive or inappropriate language and I appreciate that others may have different opinions.
- I will not take or distribute images of anyone without their permission.

### I recognise that the school has a responsibility to maintain the security and integrity of the technology it offers me and to ensure the smooth running of the school:

- I will only use my own personal devices (mobile phones/ USB devices etc.) in school with permission from a senior member of staff.

- I understand the risks and will not try to upload, download or access any materials which are illegal or inappropriate or may cause harm or distress to others, nor will I try to use any programmes or software that might allow me to bypass the filtering/ security systems in place to prevent access to such materials.
- I will immediately report any damage or faults involving equipment or software, however this may have happened.
- I will not open any hyperlinks in emails or any attachments to emails, unless I know and trust the person/ organisation who sent the email, or if I have any concerns about the validity of the email (due to the risk of the attachment containing viruses or other harmful programmes)
- I will not install or attempt to install or store programmes of any type on any school device, nor will I try to alter computer settings.
- I will only use social media sites with permission and at the times that are allowed within Computing lessons as required by the curriculum.

#### **When using the internet for research or recreation, I recognise that:**

- I should ensure that I have permission to use the original work of others in my own work
- Where work is protected by copyright, I will not try to download copies (including music and videos)
- When I am using the internet to find information, I should take care to check that the information that I access is accurate, as I understand that the work of others may not be truthful and may be a deliberate attempt to mislead me.

#### **I understand that I am responsible for my actions, both in and out of school:**

- I understand that the school also has the right to take action against me if I am involved in incidents of inappropriate behaviour, that are covered in this agreement, when I am out of school and where they involve my membership of the school community (examples would be cyber-bullying, use of images or personal information).
- I understand that if I fail to comply with this Acceptable Use Policy Agreement, I will be subject to disciplinary action. This may include loss of access to the school network/ internet, detentions, suspensions, contact with parents and in the event of illegal activities involvement of the police.

**Please complete the sections on the next page to show that you have read, understood and agree to the rules included in the Acceptable Use Agreement. If you do not sign and return this agreement, access will not be granted to school systems and devices.**

## **Student Acceptable Use Agreement Form**

This form relates to the Student Acceptable Use Agreement, to which it is attached.

Please complete the sections below to show that you have read, understood and agree to the rules included in the Acceptable Use Agreement. If you do not sign and return this agreement, access will not be granted to school ICT systems.

I have read and understand the above and agree to follow these guidelines when:

- I use the school systems and devices (both in and out of school)
- I use my own equipment out of the school in a way that is related to me being a member of this school e.g. communicating with other members of the school, accessing school email, VLE, website etc.

Name of Student

Group/ Class

Signed

Date

## Parent/ Carer Countersignature

Signed

Date

## Student Acceptable Use Policy Agreement – for Key Stage 1 & 2 Students

### This is how we stay safe when we use computers:

I will ask a teacher or suitable adult if I want to use the computers

I will only use activities that a teacher or suitable adult has told or allowed me to use.

I will take care of the computer and other equipment

I will ask for help from a teacher or suitable adult if I am not sure what to do or if I think I have done something wrong.

I will tell a teacher or suitable adult if I see something that upsets me on the screen.

I know that if I break the rules, I might not be allowed to use a computer.

*Signed (child)*

*Signed (parent)*

*Date*

## Parent/ Carer Acceptable Use Agreement

Digital technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people, both within schools and outside school. These technologies provide powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. They can stimulate discussion, promote creativity and stimulate awareness of context to promote effective learning. Young people should have an entitlement to safe internet access at all times.

### This Acceptable Use Policy is intended to ensure:

- that young people will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other communications technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.

- that school systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.
- that parents and carers are aware of the importance of e-safety and are involved in the education and guidance of young people with regard to their on-line behaviour.

The school will try to ensure that students will have good access to digital technologies to enhance their learning and will, in return, expect the students to agree to be responsible users. A copy of the Student Acceptable Use Policy is attached to this permission form, so that parents/ carers will be aware of the school expectations of the young people in their care.

Parents are requested to sign the permission form below to show their support of the school in this important aspect of the school's work.

## Permission Form

Parent / Carers Name

Student Name

As the parent / carer of the above student, I give permission for my child to have access to the internet and to ICT systems at school.

I understand that the school has discussed the Acceptable Use Agreement with my child and that they have received, or will receive, e-safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of technology and the internet – both in and out of school.

I understand that the school will take every reasonable precaution, including monitoring and filtering systems, to ensure that young people will be safe when they use the internet and ICT systems. I also understand that the school cannot ultimately be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed on the internet and using mobile technologies.

I understand that my child's activity on the ICT systems will be monitored and that the school will contact me if they have concerns about any possible breaches of the Acceptable Use Policy.

I will encourage my child to adopt safe use of the internet and digital technologies at home and will inform the school if I have concerns over my child's e-safety.

Signed



## Use of Digital/ Video Images

The use of digital/ video images plays an important part in learning activities. Students and members of staff may use digital cameras to record evidence of activities in lessons and out of school. These images may then be used in presentations in subsequent lessons.

Images may also be used to celebrate success through their publication in newsletters, on the school website and occasionally in the public media,

The school will comply with the Data Protection Act and request parents/ carers permission before taking images of members of the school. We will also ensure that when images are published that the young people cannot be identified by the use of their names.

In accordance with guidance from the Information Commissioner’s Office, parents/ carers are welcome to take videos and digital images of their children at school events for their own personal use (as such use is not covered by the Data Protection Act). To respect everyone’s privacy and in some cases protection, these images should not be published/ made publicly available on social networking sites, nor should parents/ carers comment on any activities involving other students in the digital/ video images.

Parents/ carers are requested to sign the permission form below to allow the school to take and use images of their children and for the parents/ carers to agree

## Digital/ Video Images Permission Form

Parent/ Carer’s Name

Student Name

As the parent/ carer of the above student, I agree to the school taking and using digital/ video images of my child/ children. I understand that the images will only be used to support learning activities or in publicity that reasonably celebrates success and promotes the work of the school.

Yes / No

I agree that if I take digital or video images at, or of, – school events which include images of children, other than my own, I will abide by these guidelines in my use of these images.

Yes / No

Signed

Date

## Staff Acceptable Use Policy Agreement – updated September 2022

### School Policy

New technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people in today’s society, both within schools and in their lives outside school. The internet and other digital information and communications technologies are powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. These technologies can stimulate discussion, promote creativity and stimulate awareness of context to promote effective learning. They also bring opportunities for staff to be more creative and productive in their work. All users should have an entitlement to safe internet access at all times.

#### This Acceptable Use Policy is intended to ensure:

- that staff and volunteers will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other communications technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.
- that school academy ICT systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.

- that staff are protected from potential risk in their use of ICT in their everyday work.

The school will try to ensure that staff and volunteers will have good access to ICT to enhance their work, to enhance learning opportunities for students learning and will, in return, expect staff and volunteers to agree to be responsible users.

## Acceptable Use Policy Agreement

I understand that I must use school ICT systems in a responsible way, to ensure that there is no risk to my safety or to the safety and security of the ICT systems and other users. I recognise the value of the use of ICT for enhancing learning and will ensure that students receive opportunities to gain from the use of ICT. I will, where possible, educate the young people in my care in the safe use of ICT and embed e-safety in my work with young people.

### For my professional and personal safety:

- I understand that the school will monitor my use of the ICT systems, email and other digital communications.
- I understand that the rules set out in this agreement also apply to use of school ICT systems (e.g. laptops, email, VLE etc.) out of school, and to the transfer of personal data (digital or paper based) out of school.
- I understand that the school ICT systems are primarily intended for educational use and that I will only use the systems for personal or recreational use within the policies and rules set down by the school.
- I will not disclose my username or password to anyone else, nor will I try to use any other person's username and password. I understand that I should not write down or store a password where it is possible that someone may steal it.
- I will immediately report any illegal, inappropriate or harmful material or incident, I become aware of, to the appropriate person.

### I will be professional in my communications and actions when using school ICT systems:

- I will not access, copy, remove or otherwise alter any other user's files, without their express permission.
- I will communicate with others in a professional manner, I will not use aggressive or inappropriate language and I appreciate that others may have different opinions.
- I will ensure that when I take and/ or publish images of others I will do so with their permission and in accordance with the school's policy on the use of digital/ video images. I will not use my personal equipment to record these images, unless I have permission to do so. Where these images are published (e.g. on the school website / VLE) it will not be possible to identify by name, or other personal information, those who are featured.
- I will not use chat and social networking sites in school.
- I will only communicate with students and parents/ carers using official school systems. Any such communication will be professional in tone and manner.
- I will not engage in any on-line activity that may compromise my professional responsibilities.

### The school and the local authority have the responsibility to provide safe and secure access to technologies and ensure the smooth running of the school:

- I will not use any personal devices in school hours unless authorised to do so by the Headteacher.
- I will not use personal email addresses on the school ICT systems.
- I will not open any hyperlinks in emails or any attachments to emails, unless the source is known and trusted, or if I have any concerns about the validity of the email (due to the risk of the attachment containing viruses or other harmful programs)
- I will not try to upload, download or access any materials which are illegal (child sexual abuse images, criminally racist material, adult pornography covered by the Obscene Publications Act) or inappropriate or may cause harm or distress to others. I will not try to use any programs or software that might allow me to bypass the filtering/ security systems in place to prevent access to such materials.
- I will not try (unless I have permission) to make large downloads or uploads that might take up internet capacity and prevent other users from being able to carry out their work.
- I will not install or attempt to install programs of any type on a machine, or store programs on a computer, nor will I try to alter computer settings
- I will not disable or cause any damage to school equipment, or the equipment belonging to others.

- I will only transport, hold, disclose or share personal information about myself or others, as outlined in the School Data Protection Policy. Where digital personal data is transferred outside the secure local network, it must be encrypted. Paper based Protected and Restricted data must be held in lockable storage.
- I understand that data protection policy requires that any staff or student data to which I have access, will be kept private and confidential, except when it is deemed necessary that I am required by law or by school policy to disclose such information to an appropriate authority.
- I will immediately report any damage or faults involving equipment or software, however this may have happened.

#### When using the internet in my professional capacity or for school sanctioned personal use:

- I will ensure that I have permission to use the original work of others in my own work
- Where work is protected by copyright, I will not download or distribute copies (including music and videos).

#### I understand that I am responsible for my actions in and out of the school:

- I understand that this Acceptable Use Policy applies not only to my work and use of school ICT equipment in school, but also applies to my use of school ICT systems and equipment off the premises and my use of personal equipment on the premises or in situations related to my employment by the school.
- I understand that if I fail to comply with this Acceptable Use Policy Agreement, I could be subject to disciplinary action. This could include a warning, a suspension, referral to Governors and/ or the Local Authority and in the event of illegal activities the involvement of the police.

### Staff Acceptable Use Policy Agreement - updated September 2022

I have read and understand the Staff Acceptable Use Policy and agree to use the school ICT systems (both in and out of school) and my own devices (in school and when carrying out communications related to the school) within these guidelines.

Staff Name:

Signed:

Date:

### Acceptable Use Agreement for Community Users

#### This Acceptable Use Agreement is intended to ensure:

- that community users of school digital technologies will be responsible users and stay safe while using these systems and devices
- that school systems, devices and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.
- that users are protected from potential risk in their use of these systems and devices

#### Acceptable Use Agreement

I understand that I must use school systems and devices in a responsible way, to ensure that there is no risk to my safety or to the safety and security of the systems, devices and other users. This agreement will also apply to any personal devices that I bring into the school.

- I understand that my use of school systems and devices and digital communications will be monitored
- I will not use a personal device that I have brought into school for any activity that would be inappropriate in a school setting.
- I will not try to upload, download or access any materials which are illegal (child sexual abuse images, criminally racist material, adult pornography covered by the Obscene Publications Act) or inappropriate or may cause harm or distress to others. I will not try to use any programmes or software that might allow me to bypass the filtering / security systems in place to prevent access to such materials.
- I will immediately report any illegal, inappropriate or harmful material or incident, I become aware of, to the appropriate person.

- I will not access, copy, remove or otherwise alter any other user's files, without permission.
- I will ensure that if I take and / or publish images of others I will only do so with their permission. I will not use my personal equipment to record these images, without permission. If images are published it will not be possible to identify by name, or other personal information, those who are featured.
- I will not publish or share any information I have obtained whilst in the school on any personal website, social networking site or through any other means, unless I have permission from the school.
- I will not, without permission, make large downloads or uploads that might take up internet capacity and prevent other users from being able to carry out their work.
- I will not install or attempt to install programmes of any type on a school device, nor will I try to alter computer settings, unless I have permission to do so.
- I will not disable or cause any damage to school equipment, or the equipment belonging to others.
- I will immediately report any damage or faults involving equipment or software, however this may have happened.
- I will ensure that I have permission to use the original work of others in my own work
- Where work is protected by copyright, I will not download or distribute copies (including music and videos).
- I understand that if I fail to comply with this Acceptable Use Agreement, the school has the right to remove my access to school systems/ devices

I have read and understand the above and agree to use the school ICT systems (both in and out of school) and my own devices (in school and when carrying out communications related to the school) within these guidelines.

Name

Signed  Date

### Record of reviewing devices / internet sites (responding to incidents of misuse)

Group	
Date	
Reason for investigation	

### Details of first reviewing person

Name	
Position	
Signature	

### Details of second reviewing person

Name	
Position	
Signature	

**Name and location of computer used for review (for web sites)**

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**Web site(s) address / device**

**Reason for concern**

Web site(s) address / device	Reason for concern

**Conclusion and Action proposed or taken**


**Links to other PFS policies.**

The eSafety Policy has strong links within it to multiple policies within Penn Fields School.

These links include:

Remote learning policy.

Child Protection and Safeguarding policy.

Relationship and Sex education policy.