

Hall Meadow Primary School

E-Safety Policy

Our Aims

'To use but not abuse'

Technology plays an important part in our lives and we recognise the huge contribution that technological resources make to active teaching and learning. We aim to maximise the potential of resources, making them accessible and as free as possible from restrictions that constrain their worthwhile value. However, the welfare of all of our community is our first priority. We will apply the following principles to secure safe use of provision.

Principles for Safe Use

'Our community need to be empowered to protect themselves'

RESPECT

'We will respect the value and contribution of technology but also respect the individuals' right to a safe, secure and private life.'

RESPONSIBILITY

'We will act responsibly by using technical safeguards and ensure that all users are kept informed about protective behaviours so that they learn to use technology in a safe, ethical, moral, legal, healthy and effective manner.'

REFLECTION

'We will reflect on how we use technology and how our use may impinge on others. Deliberate misuse of technology will be subject to our school rules, disciplinary action and, if necessary, legal action.'

Development / Monitoring / Review of this Policy

This e-safety policy will be reviewed and updated by an e-safety/safeguarding group made up of:

- Headteacher
- E-Safety Leader
- Staff
- Governors / Safeguarding Governor
- 2 Parents
- Lead learner pupils

Consultation with the whole school community has taken place through a range of formal and informal meetings.

The school will monitor the impact of the policy using:

- Logs of reported incidents located in the staffroom
- Monitoring logs of internet activity (including sites visited)
- Internal monitoring data for network activity
- Surveys / questionnaires of
 - students / pupils
 - parents / carers
 - staff

Scope of the Policy

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

The Education and Inspections Act 2006 empowers Headteachers to such extent as is reasonable, to regulate the behaviour of pupils 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 e-safety incidents covered by this policy, which may take place outside of the school, but is linked to membership of the school. The 2011 Education Act increased these powers with regard to the searching for and of electronic devices and the deletion of data (see appendix for template policy). In the case of both acts, action can only be taken over issues covered by the 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.

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 the effectiveness of the policy. This will be carried out by the Governors receiving regular information about e-safety incidents and monitoring reports. A member of the Governing Body has taken on the role of Safeguarding Governor. The role of the Safeguarding Governor will include:

- regular meetings with the E-Safety Leader (once a term)
- regular monitoring of e-safety incident logs
- reporting to relevant Governor's meeting

Headteacher and 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 Leader.
- The Headteacher and (at least) another member of the Senior Leadership Team should be aware of the procedures to be followed in the event of a serious e-safety allegation being made against a member of staff.
- The Headteacher / Senior Leaders are responsible for ensuring that the E-Safety Leader 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.
- The Senior Leadership Team will receive regular monitoring reports from the E-Safety Leader.

E-Safety Leader:

The E-Safety leader:

- leads the e-safety group
- takes day to day responsibility for e-safety issues and has a leading role in establishing and reviewing the school e-safety policies / documents
- ensures that all staff are aware of the procedures that need to be followed in the event of an e-safety incident taking place
- provides training and advice for staff
- liaises with the Local Authority / relevant body
- liaises with school technical staff
- receives reports of e-safety incidents and creates a log of incidents to inform future e-safety developments
- meets regularly with the Safeguarding Governor to discuss current issues, review incident logs and filtering
- attends relevant Governor's meetings
- reports regularly to Senior Leadership Team

Technical staff: (managed ICT service provided by an outside contractor)

The Technical Staff are responsible for ensuring:

- that the school's technical infrastructure is secure and is not open to misuse or malicious attack
- that the school meets required e-safety technical requirements and any Local Authority E-safety Policy / Guidance that may apply.
- that users may only access the networks and devices through a properly enforced password protection policy, in which passwords are regularly changed
- that they keep up to date with e-safety technical information in order to effectively carry out their e-safety role and to inform and update others as relevant
- that the use of the network / internet / email is regularly monitored in order that any misuse / attempted misuse can be reported to the Headteacher; E-Safety Leader for investigation / action / sanction

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 / Agreement (AUP)
- they report any suspected misuse or problem to the Headteacher; E-Safety Leader for investigation / action / sanction
- all digital communications with students / pupils / parents / carers should be on a professional level
- e-safety issues are embedded in all aspects of the curriculum and other activities
- pupils understand and follow the e-safety and acceptable use policies
- pupils 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

- in lessons where internet use is pre-planned pupils 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

Child Protection / Designated Safeguarding Leads

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
- access to illegal / inappropriate materials
- inappropriate on-line contact with adults / strangers
- potential or actual incidents of grooming
- cyber-bullying

E-Safety Group

The E-Safety Group provides a consultative group that has wide representation from the school community, with responsibility for issues regarding e-safety and the monitoring the e-safety policy including the impact of initiatives. The group will also be responsible for regular reporting to the Governing Body.

Members of the E-safety Group will assist the E-Safety Leader with:

- the production / review / monitoring of the school e-safety policy / documents.
- mapping and reviewing the e-safety curricular provision – ensuring relevance, breadth and progression
- monitoring network / internet / incident logs
- consulting stakeholders – including parents / carers and the students / pupils about the e-safety provision

Pupils:

- are responsible for using the school digital technology systems in accordance with the Pupil Acceptable Use Policy
- have a good understanding of research skills and the need to avoid plagiarism and uphold copyright regulations
- 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 policies on the use of mobile devices and digital cameras. They should also know and understand policies 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

In order to encourage our children to research the internet and evaluate the integrity of resources, we teach the children to TAP IT. When encountering new information on the Internet, we ask them to consider the following:

T – Trustworthy? – Is the information truthful and accurate?

A- Author? – Who wrote it?

P- People – Are they who they say they are?

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 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
- their children's personal devices in the school (where this is allowed)

Community Users:

Community Users who access school systems / website as part of the wider school provision will be expected to sign a Community User AUA before being provided with access to school systems.

Use of digital and video images

The development of digital imaging technologies has created significant benefits to learning, allowing staff and pupils instant use of images that they have recorded themselves or downloaded from the internet. However, staff, parents / carers and pupils 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 pupils 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 pupils 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 pupils are appropriately dressed and are not participating in activities that might bring the individuals or the school into disrepute.
- Pupils must not take, use, share, publish or distribute images of others without their permission
- Photographs published on the website, or elsewhere that include pupils will be selected carefully and will comply with good practice guidance on the use of such images.
- Pupils' 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 / pupils are published on the school website
- Pupil's work can only be published with the permission of the student / pupil and parents or carers.

Use of mobile hand held technology

- As the school operates rigorous procedures to maintain emergency contact with parents, it is not deemed necessary for the children to have mobile phones at school or on school trips. On the rare occasion that it may be necessary, the phones are left in the office at the beginning of the school day and collected from the office at the close of the school day.

- As the children may have personal use of mobile phones at home they are instructed how to protect themselves against phone theft. They are also given opportunities to discuss issues and explore protective behaviours related to cyber bullying and harassment either linked to inappropriate images and messaging or bullying as a result of theft.
- Staff are aware that they may retain mobile phones on the school site but that these should be switched to silent mode when engaged in a professional meeting or in the classroom. Staff are also aware that they need to be mindful of children and other adults right to feel safe and free from embarrassment and will therefore avoid conducting personal conversations in the vicinity of others. Under no circumstances will personal mobile phones be used to audio record, video record or take still images of children or other staff members.
- Staff will always use a professional tone when using mobile technology to communicate with the children or their parents about professional matters and are aware that they should not release personal contact information. Should it be necessary to issue children or their parents with a mobile number, the school mobile number will be given.
- For the purposes of safeguarding and effective communication, mobile telephone numbers are often exchanged between staff members. Staff understand that they retain the right to only issue an emergency contact to the school office and that there is no obligation to distribute personal contact numbers among all staff members. Should it be necessary for staff to contact one another out of school hours about work related matters, it is understood that communication should be non harassing, kept to a minimum and in no way impinge on the welfare of anybody.

Data Protection

Personal data will be recorded, processed, transferred and made available according to the Data Protection Act 1998 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.

The school must ensure that:

- **It will hold the minimum personal data necessary to enable it to perform its function and it will not hold it for longer than necessary for the purposes it was collected for.**
- **Every effort will be made to ensure that data held is accurate, up to date and that inaccuracies are corrected without unnecessary delay.**
- **All personal data will be fairly obtained in accordance with the "Privacy Notice" and lawfully processed in accordance with the "Conditions for Processing".**
- **It has a Data Protection Policy**
- **It is registered as a Data Controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act (DPA)**
- **Risk assessments are carried out**

- It has clear and understood arrangements for the security, storage and transfer of personal data
- Data subjects have rights of access and there are clear procedures for this to be obtained
- 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

Staff must ensure that they:

- **At all times take care to ensure the safe keeping of personal data, minimising the risk of its loss or misuse.**
- **Use personal data only on secure password protected computers and other devices, 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.**

When personal data is stored on any portable computer system, memory stick or any other removable media:

- the data must be encrypted and password protected
- the device must be password protected
- the device must offer approved virus and malware checking software
- the data must be securely deleted from the device, in line with school policy (below) once it has been transferred or its use is complete

Social Media - Protecting Professional Identity

All schools and local authorities have a duty of care to provide a safe learning environment for pupils 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 minimise risk of harm to pupils, 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 pupils, 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 school or local authority
- Security settings on personal social media profiles are regularly checked to minimise risk of loss of personal information.

The school's use of social media for professional purposes will be checked regularly by the senior risk officer and e-safety committee to ensure compliance with the Social Media, Data Protection, Communications, Digital Image and Video Policies.



Think about your privacy settings and who you want to be able to read information about you and your family.

Think, who is reading the information? If you have to mention work consider the following. Is your tone professional? Will you offend anyone? Will people misinterpret what you say? Are you behaving in a way that may impinge on the work satisfaction of others? Always remember, everything that happens in school is confidential, social networking is not confidential and networks can be extensive so be careful and sensible.

Think, is it appropriate to become 'friends' with parents unless they happen to be an employee too and you agree not to 'talk about' work. Will your interaction with others imply that you are not being fully inclusive of other families within the school? Do other users have access to private information about you that may not be wholly appropriate in a professional yourself? Remember, it is totally inappropriate to use a social networking site to discuss anything linked to your work.

Think, it is not appropriate to have current pupils as 'friends' on your site but is it appropriate to have former pupils as 'friends'? Do they have siblings still attending the school?

Think, do not be offended or hurt if a colleague does not accept you as a 'friend' or link – this distance may well be a determining factor.

Think, talk to the children and other adults about best practice when using network sites. If

Think, is it appropriate to put your phone number or address on Social Networking sites? Who may access this information and will it impinge on your private time?

Think, is the information that is being posted potentially compromising, does it involve areas of sexual behaviour, alcohol or drug misuse or activity that may be construed as illegal or violent? There is a real danger that information will rapidly become common knowledge and therefore impact upon your professional standing.

Think, you need to clearly understand that should inappropriate personal material be posted on Social Networking sites or in other public ways that are accessible to the general public (rather than just by invited guests) it will be considered within the terms of the School's Disciplinary Policy. Should it be deemed that you have brought the profession into disrepute, disciplinary sanctions may be imposed.

IF IN DOUBT – DO NOT WRITE IT!

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:

Acceptable	Acceptable at certain times	Acceptable for nominated users	Unacceptable	Unacceptable and illegal
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User Actions

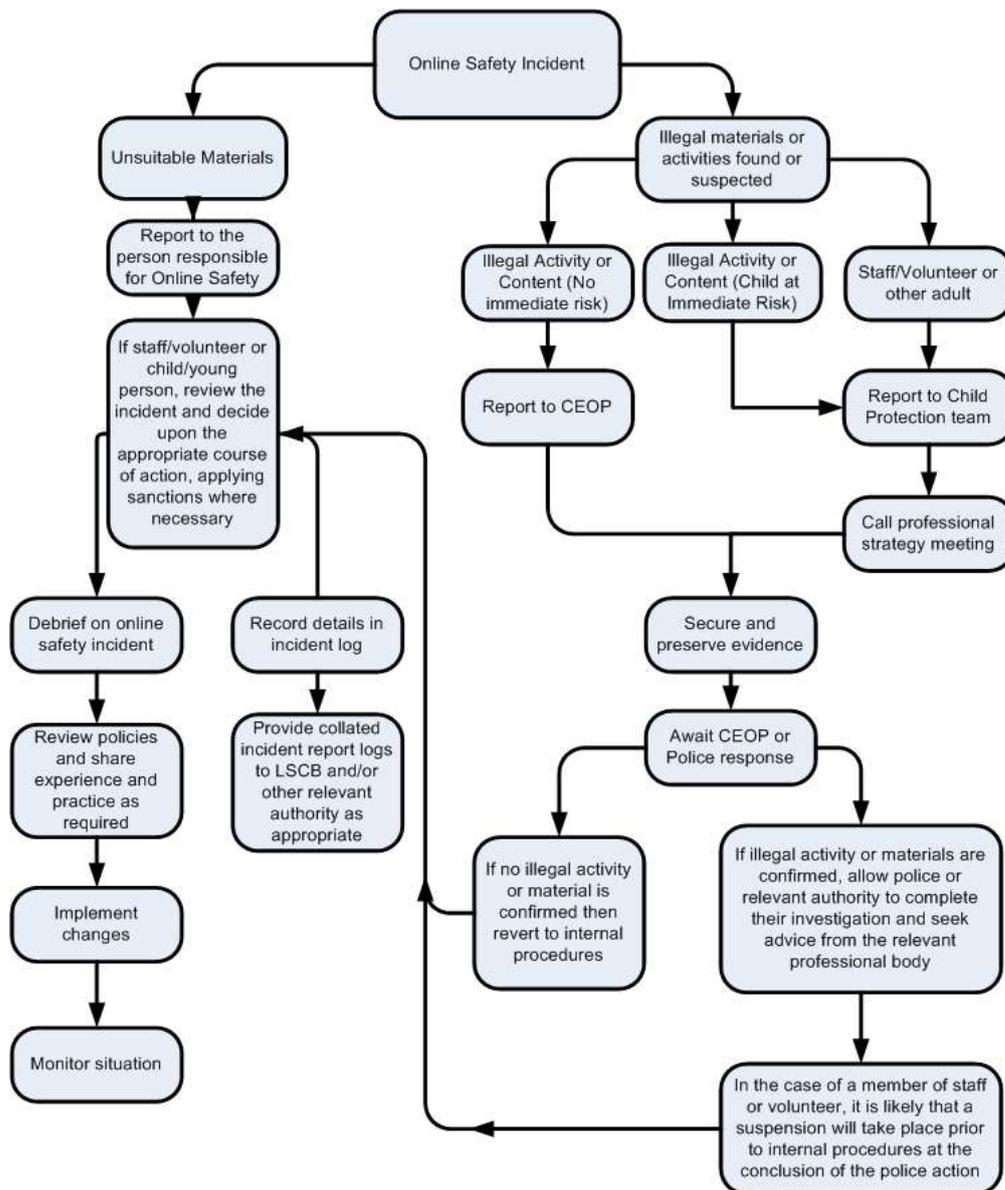
Users shall not visit Internet sites, make, post, download, upload, data transfer, communicate or pass on, material, remarks, proposals or comments that contain or relate to:	Child sexual abuse images –The making, production or distribution of indecent images of children. Contrary to The Protection of 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 / academy				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)		X				
On-line gaming (non educational)		X				
On-line gambling				X		
On-line shopping / commerce		X				
File sharing		X				
Use of video broadcasting eg Youtube		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.

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

- Have more than one senior member of staff / volunteer 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 group 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 of the above steps are taken as they will provide an evidence trail for the *school / academy* 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: (see appendices for a list of actions/sanctions following inappropriate misuse)

Appendices

Can be found on the following pages:

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Policy Statements

Education – students / pupils

Whilst regulation and technical solutions are very important, their use must be balanced by educating pupils to take a responsible approach. The education of pupils 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 is a focus in all areas of the curriculum and staff reinforce e-safety messages across the curriculum. The e-safety curriculum is broad, relevant and provides progression, with opportunities for creative activities. It is provided in the following ways:

- A planned e-safety curriculum is provided as part of Computing / PHSE / other lessons and is regularly revisited
- Key e-safety messages are reinforced as part of a planned programme of assemblies
- Pupils are 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.
- Pupils are taught to acknowledge the source of information used and to respect copyright when using material accessed on the internet
- Pupils are helped to understand the need for the Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement and encouraged to adopt safe and responsible use both within and outside school
- Staff act as good role models in their use of digital technologies the internet and mobile devices
- Where students / pupils are allowed to freely search the internet, staff should be vigilant in monitoring the content of the websites the pupils.

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:

- Curriculum activities
- Letters, newsletters, website,
- Parents / Carers evenings / sessions
- High profile events / campaigns eg Safer Internet Day
- Reference to the relevant websites / publications

Education – The Wider Community

The school will provide opportunities for local community groups / members of the community to gain from the school's e-safety knowledge and experience. This may be offered through the following:

- E-Safety messages targeted towards grandparents and other relatives as well as parents.
- The school / academy website will provide e-safety information for the wider community

Education & Training – Staff / Volunteers

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.**

- **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 Leader will receive regular updates through attendance at external training events 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.

Training – Governors / Directors

Governors / Directors should take part in e-safety training / awareness sessions, with particular importance for those who are members of any subcommittee / group involved in technology / e-safety / health and safety / child protection. This may be offered in a number of ways:

- Attendance at training provided by the Local Authority / National Governors Association / or other relevant organisation
- Participation in school training / information sessions for staff or parents

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 policies and 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 technical systems will be managed in ways that ensure that the school meets recommended technical requirements**
- **There will be regular reviews and audits of the safety and security of school academy technical systems**
- **Servers, wireless systems and cabling must be securely located and physical access restricted**
- **All users will have clearly defined access rights to school technical systems and devices.**
- **All users** (at KS2 and above) **will be provided with a username and secure password** by the e-safety leader who will keep an up to date record of users and their usernames. **Users are responsible for the security of their username and password.**
- **The “master / administrator” passwords for the school ICT system, used by the Network Manager (or other person) must also be available to the Headteacher or other nominated senior leader and kept in a secure place (eg school safe)**
- The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring that software licence logs are accurate and up to date and that regular checks are made **to reconcile the number of licences purchased against the number of software installations.**
- **Internet access is filtered for all users.** Illegal content (child sexual abuse images) is filtered by the broadband or filtering provider by actively employing the Internet Watch Foundation CAIC list. Content lists are regularly updated and internet use is logged and regularly monitored.
- The school has provided enhanced / differentiated user-level filtering
- An appropriate system is in place for users to report any actual / potential technical incident / security breach to the relevant person, as agreed).
- Appropriate security measures are in place to protect the servers, firewalls, routers, wireless systems, work stations, mobile devices etc from accidental or malicious attempts which might threaten the security of the school systems and data. These are tested regularly. The school infrastructure and individual workstations are protected by up to date virus software.
- An agreed policy is in place for the provision of temporary access of “guests” (eg trainee teachers, supply teachers, visitors) onto the school systems.

School Actions & Sanctions

Pupils

Incidents:	Refer to class teacher	Refer to Headteacher	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 sanctions
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		
Unauthorised use of non-educational sites during lessons	X						X	
Unauthorised use of mobile phone / digital camera / other mobile device	X	X			X		X	
Unauthorised use of social media / messaging apps / personal email	X	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	X		
Attempting to access or accessing the school network, using another pupil's account	X	X			X	X		
Attempting to access or accessing the school / academy network, using the account of a member of staff	X	X			X	X		
Corrupting or destroying the data of other users	X	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	X		X
Continued infringements of the above, following previous warnings or sanctions	X	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
Using proxy sites or other means to subvert the school's filtering system	X	X		X	X	X		X
Accidentally accessing offensive or pornographic material and failing to report the incident	X	X		X	X	X		X
Deliberately accessing or trying to access offensive or pornographic material	X	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	X	X		X

Staff

Incidents:	Refer to Headteacher	Refer to Local Authority / HR	Refer to Police	Refer to Technical Support Staff for action re filtering etc	Warning	Suspension	Disciplinary action
Deliberately accessing or trying to access material that could be considered illegal (see list in earlier section on unsuitable / inappropriate activities).	X	X	X				
Inappropriate personal use of the internet / social media / personal email	X				X		
Unauthorised downloading or uploading of files	X				X		
Allowing others to access school network by sharing username and passwords or attempting to access or accessing the school network, using another person's account	X			X	X		
Careless use of personal data eg holding or transferring data in an insecure manner	X				X		
Deliberate actions to breach data protection or network security rules	X	X					X
Corrupting or destroying the data of other users or causing deliberate damage to hardware or software	X	X		X			X
Sending an email, text or message that is regarded as offensive, harassment or of a bullying nature	X	X				X	X
Using personal email / social networking / instant messaging / text messaging to carrying out digital communications with pupils	X				X		
Actions which could compromise the staff member's professional standing	X				X		
Actions which could bring the school into disrepute or breach the integrity of the ethos of the school	X				X		
Using proxy sites or other means to subvert the school's / academy's filtering system	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
Breaching copyright or licensing regulations	X				X		
Continued infringements of the above, following previous warnings or sanctions	X	X			X	X	X

Student / Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement Template – for KS2 pupils

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 pupils will have good access to digital technologies to enhance their learning and will, in return, expect the pupils 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 (eg 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 if I have permission. I understand that, if I do use my own devices in the school, I will follow the rules set out in this agreement, in the same way as if I was using school equipment.
- 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.
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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, 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 / Pupil 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 devices in the school (when allowed) eg mobile phones, gaming devices USB devices, cameras etc
- I use my own equipment out of the school in a way that is related to me being a member of this school eg communicating with other members of the school, accessing school email, website etc.

Name of Student / Pupil

Group / Class

Signed

Date

Parent / Carer Countersignature (optional)

It is for schools / academies to decide whether or not they require parents / carers to sign the Parent / Carer Acceptable Use Agreement (see template later in this document). This includes a number of other permission forms (including digital and video images / biometric permission / cloud computing permission).

Some schools / academies may, instead, wish to add a countersignature box for parents / carers to this student / pupil Acceptable Use Agreement.

Student / Pupil Acceptable Use Policy Agreement Template – for younger pupils (Foundation / KS1)

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):

Parent / Carer Acceptable Use Agreement Template

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 / academy 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 pupils will have good access to digital technologies to enhance their learning and will, in return, expect the pupils to agree to be responsible users. A copy of the Pupil 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 / Pupil Name

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

I know that my son / daughter has signed an Acceptable Use Agreement and has 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 son's / daughter'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

Date

Staff (and Volunteer) Acceptable Use Policy Agreement Template

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 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 pupils 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 pupils 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 (eg laptops, email, 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) it will not be possible to identify by name, or other personal information, those who are featured.
- I will only use chat and social networking sites in school in accordance with the school's policies.
- I will only communicate with pupils 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:

- When I use my mobile devices (PDAs / laptops / mobile phones / USB devices etc) in school, I will follow the rules set out in this agreement, in the same way as if I was using school equipment. I will also follow any additional rules set by the school about such use. I will ensure that any such devices are protected by up to date anti-virus software and are free from viruses.
- 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 programmes)
- I will ensure that my data is regularly backed up, in accordance with relevant school policies.
- 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 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 programmes of any type on a machine, or store programmes on a computer, nor will I try to alter computer settings, unless this is allowed in school / academy policies.
- I will not disable or cause any damage to school / academy 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 / Academy / LA Personal Data Policy (or other relevant 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 pupil 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.

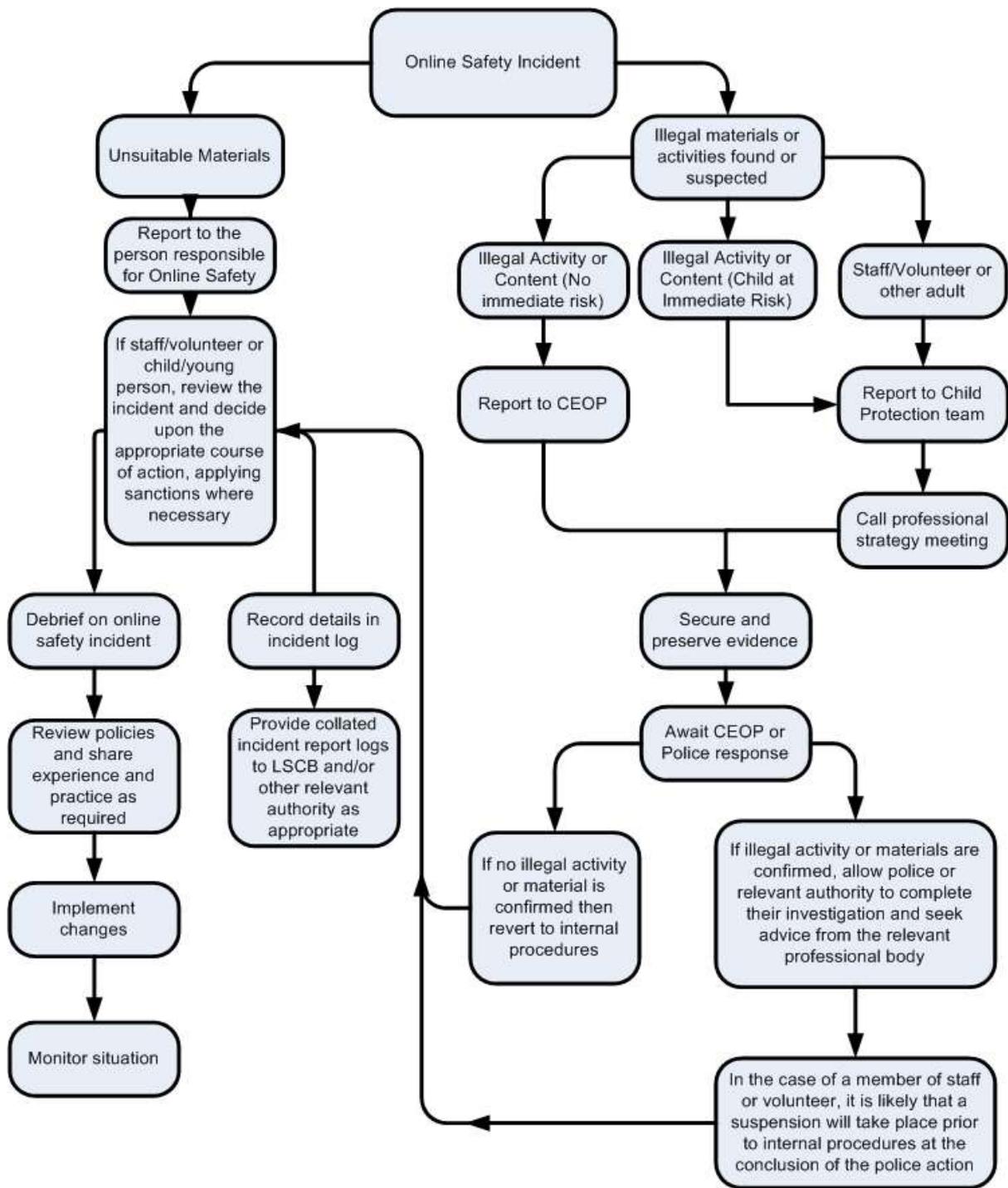
I have read and understand the above and agree to use the school ICT systems (both in and out of school) and my own devices (in school and when carrying out communications related to the school) within these guidelines.

Staff / Volunteer Name

Signed

Date

Responding to incidents of misuse – flow chart





PROTOCOL FOR PHOTOGRAPHS AND MOVING IMAGES



It is the responsibility of Hall Meadow Primary School to obtain permission, on entry, from parents and the children prior to images of children being made public. Risk occurs when individuals can be identified in photographs. In view of this children will not be identified by name on any public images.



It is the responsibility of parents to return permission slips authorising photography promptly and inform the school if they do not wish their child to appear in promotional or documentary material. It is also important that parents notify the School if there has been a change in circumstances. In respect of the press, it is helpful if parents uphold the School's policy of not accompanying an image with the child's full name.



It is the responsibility of Hall Meadow Primary School to ensure that access to all on site school events are controlled so that the parent community can freely take images of their own children for their personal use and not be concerned that inappropriate persons may be in possession of cameras to misuse images. Off-site events are considered to be uncontrolled and parents will be reminded of this. To ensure that the School is aware of persons recording images, parents will be asked to register their name on entry to the event.



It is the responsibility of parents to notify the school that they wish to take photographs or film during an event and ensure that they only record images of their own children at school events or of children whose parents have granted permission. Parents must not post images of children other than their own on social networking sites; this may be subject to legal action.



It is the responsibility of Hall Meadow Primary School to ensure that no images of children are recorded on Staff's personal cameras or videos (this includes mobile camera phones). Neither will any images of pupils be uploaded on to Staff's personal computers.



It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that they adhere to the principle of only using school cameras to record images of children, other than their own, (unless parental permission has been specifically granted) when in charge of extra-curricular events or accompanying children on visits etc.



It is the responsibility of Hall Meadow Primary School to ensure that under no circumstance will children be photographed in washing and changing areas.



It is the responsibility of parents to note that pupils must not be approached or photographed while at school without the permission of the school authority.



It is the responsibility of Hall Meadow Primary School to ensure that commercial photographers meet safeguarding standards and to inform parents of the photographer's attendance. Unsupervised access is not permitted.



It is the responsibility of parents to inform the Headteacher if they have any concerns about inappropriate or intrusive photography.

Signed on behalf on Hall Meadow Primary School

Signed: Capitals: Date.....

Signed on behalf of the Pupil

Pupil's Name:

Signed: Capitals: Date.....

PLEASE RETURN A SIGNED COPY TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND RETAIN ONE FOR YOUR REFERENCE