



## A Whole School Policy for Online safety

This policy was approved by the Full Governing Body in December 2023. To be reviewed December 2024.

### Policy Statement

This Online Safety Policy applies to all members of the school community (including staff, pupils, governors, volunteers, parents and carers, visitors, community users) who have access to and are users of school digital systems, both in and out of the school. It also applies to the use of personal digital technology on the school site (where allowed).

For clarity, the online safety policy uses the following terms unless otherwise stated:

**Users** - refers to staff, governing body, school volunteers, pupils and any other person working in or on behalf of the school, including contractors.

**Parents** – any adult with a legal responsibility for the child/young person outside the school e.g. parent, guardian, carer.

**School** – any school business or activity conducted on or off the school site, e.g. visits, conferences, school trips etc.

**Wider school community** – pupils, all staff, governing body, parents

Safeguarding is a serious matter; at Frances Olive Anderson Church of England School we use technology and the Internet extensively across all areas of the curriculum. Online safeguarding, known as online safety is an area that is constantly evolving and as such this policy will be reviewed on an annual basis or in response to an online safety incident, whichever is sooner.

The primary purpose of this policy is twofold:

- To ensure the requirement to empower the whole school community with the knowledge to stay safe and risk free is met.
- To ensure risks are identified, assessed and mitigated (where possible) in order to reduce any foreseeability of harm to the pupil or liability to the school.

This policy is available for anybody to read on the Frances Olive Anderson Church of England Primary School website; upon review all members of staff will sign as read and understood both the online safety policy and the Staff Acceptable Use Policy Agreement (AUA). The Pupils Acceptable Use Policy Agreement (AUA) is incorporated into the School Booklet for new starters and will be given to all returning pupils at the beginning of each school year for signing. Upon return of the signed Booklet and Acceptable Use agreement, pupils will be permitted access to school technology including the Internet.



## Policy Governance (Roles & Responsibilities)

### Governing Body

The governing body is accountable for ensuring that our school has effective policies and procedures in place; as such they will:

- Review this policy annually and in response to any online safety incident to ensure that the policy is up to date, covers all aspects of technology use within the school, to ensure online safety incidents were appropriately dealt with and ensure the policy was effective in managing those incidents.
- Appoint one governor to have overall responsibility for the governance of online safety at the school who will:

Keep up to date with emerging risks and threats through technology use.

Receive regular updates from the Headteacher in regards to training, identified risks and any incidents.

Have online safety as an agenda item at the Pupils and Staffing Sub Committee.

### Online Safety as part of Pupils and Staffing

The Governing Body is responsible for:

- advising on changes to the online safety policy.
- establishing the effectiveness (or not) of online safety training and awareness in the school.
- recommending further initiatives for online safety training and awareness at the school.

The Headteacher will report to the Pupils and Staffing committee termly on any online safety incidents.

### Headteacher

Reporting to the governing body, the Headteacher has overall responsibility for online safety within our school. The day-to-day management of this will be delegated to a member of staff, the Online Safety Officer (OSL) as indicated below.

The Headteacher will ensure that:

- Online safety training throughout the school is planned and up to date and appropriate to the recipient, i.e. pupils, all staff, senior leadership team and governing body, parents.
- The designated OSL has had appropriate CPD in order to undertake the day to day duties.
- All online safety incidents are dealt with promptly and appropriately.

The Headteacher Sarah Woolley (who is also DSL) will:

- hold the lead responsibility for online safety, within their safeguarding role.
- Receive relevant and regularly updated training in online safety to enable them to understand the risks associated with online safety and be confident that they have the



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relevant knowledge and up to date capability required to keep children safe whilst they are online

- meet regularly with the online safety governor to discuss current issues, review (anonymised) incidents and filtering and monitoring logs and ensuring that annual (at least) filtering and monitoring checks are carried out
- attend relevant governing body meetings/groups
- report regularly to the senior leadership team
- be responsible for receiving reports of online safety incidents and handling them, and deciding whether to make a referral by liaising with relevant agencies, ensuring that all incidents are recorded.
- liaise with staff and IT providers on matters of safety and safeguarding and welfare (including online and digital safety)

### **Online Safety Officer (OSL)**

The day-to-day duty of online safety officer is devolved to Stewart Cook with Sarah Woolley as support.

The OSL will:

- Keep up to date with the latest risks to children whilst using technology; familiarize him/herself with the latest research and available resources for school and home use.
- Review this policy regularly and bring any matters to the attention of the Headteacher.
- Advise the Headteacher, governing body on all online safety matters.
- Engage with parents and the school community on online safety matters at school and/or at home.
- Liaise with the local authority, IT technical support and other agencies as required.
- Retain responsibility for the online safety incident log; ensure staff know what to report and ensure the appropriate audit trail.
- Ensure any technical online safety measures in school (e.g. Internet filtering software, behaviour management software) are fit for purpose through liaison with the local authority and/or IT Technical Support.
- Make him/herself aware of any reporting function with technical online safety measures, i.e. internet filtering reporting function; liaise with the Headteacher and responsible governor to decide on what reports may be appropriate for viewing.
- Liaise with the school's Data Protection Officer (DPO).

### **ICT Technical Support Staff**

This policy must be shared with Infotechdirect Ltd who act as our technical staff.

Technical support staff are responsible for ensuring that:

- measures are put in place and periodically reviewed to increase the security of the school's technical infrastructure and reduce the impact of misuse or a malicious attack.
- they are aware of and follow the school Online Safety Policy to carry out their work effectively in line with school policy
- the school meets (as a minimum) the required online safety technical requirements as identified by the [DfE Meeting Digital and Technology Standards in Schools & Colleges](#) and guidance from local authority
- Anti-virus is fit-for-purpose, up to date and applied to all capable devices.



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- Windows (or other operating system) updates are regularly monitored and devices updated as appropriate.
- Any online safety technical solutions such as Internet monitoring and filtering are operating correctly.
- Filtering levels are applied appropriately and according to the age of the user; that categories of use are discussed and agreed with the online safety officer and Headteacher.
- Technical controls support the correct application of passwords to all users regardless of age, in line with school policies.
- If there has been a compromise, a password change will be enforced. The OSL and IT Support will be responsible for ensuring that passwords are changed if required.
- technical controls such as the application of content filtering and monitoring, file permissions and Group Policies are implemented in line with the school' policies and as needs arise in response to requests by the SLT and other staff members. These support the objective of safe and managed control of user access to networks and managed devices.
- they keep up to date with online safety technical information in order to effectively carry out their online safety role and to inform and update others as relevant
- the use of technology is regularly and effectively monitored in order that any misuse/attempted misuse can be reported to OSL for investigation and action
- the monitoring and filtering software is applied and updated on a regular basis and its implementation is not the sole responsibility of any single person.

## All Staff

Staff are to ensure that:

- All details within this policy are understood. If anything is not understood it should be brought to the attention of the Headteacher.
- Any online safety incident is reported to the OSL (and an online safety Incident report is made), or in his/her absence to the Headteacher. If you are unsure the matter is to be raised with the OSL or the Headteacher to make a decision.
- The reporting flowcharts contained within this online safety policy are fully understood.

Teaching and teaching support staff are responsible for ensuring that:

- they have an awareness of current online safety matters/trends and of the current school Online Safety Policy and practices
- they understand that online safety is a core part of safeguarding
- they have read, understood, and signed the staff acceptable use agreement (AUA)
- they immediately report any suspected misuse or problem to the OSL for investigation/action, in line with the school safeguarding procedures
- all digital communications with pupils and parents/carers are on a professional level *and only carried out using official school systems*
- online safety issues are embedded in all aspects of the curriculum and other activities
- ensure pupils understand and follow the Online Safety Policy and acceptable use agreements, have a good understanding of research skills and the need to avoid plagiarism and uphold copyright regulations



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- they supervise and monitor the use of digital technologies, mobile devices, cameras, etc., in lessons and other school activities (where allowed) and implement current policies regarding these devices
- in lessons where internet use is pre-planned pupils are 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*
- where lessons take place using live-streaming or video-conferencing, there is regard to national safeguarding guidance and local safeguarding policies
- there is a zero-tolerance approach to incidents of online-bullying, sexual harassment, discrimination, hatred etc
- they model safe, responsible, and professional online behaviours in their own use of technology, including out of school and in their use of social media.

## Pupils

All pupils are responsible for using the school digital technology systems in accordance with the pupil acceptable use agreement and Online Safety Policy.

Pupils should

- understand the importance of reporting abuse, misuse or access to inappropriate materials and know how to do so
- know what to do if they or someone they know feels vulnerable when using online technology
- understand the importance of adopting good online safety practice when using digital technologies out of school and realise that the school's Online Safety Policy covers their actions out of school, if related to their membership of the school.

## Parents and Carers

Parents and carers play a crucial role in ensuring that their children understand the need to use the online services and devices in an appropriate way.

The school will take every opportunity to help parents and carers understand these issues through:

- publishing the school Online Safety Policy on the school website
- providing them with a copy of the pupils' acceptable use agreement
- publish information about appropriate use of social media relating to posts concerning the school.
- seeking their permissions concerning digital images, cloud services etc (see parent/carers AUA in the appendix)
- parents'/carers' evenings, newsletters, website, social media and information about national/local online safety campaigns and literature.

Parents and carers will be encouraged to support the school in:

- reinforcing the online safety messages provided to pupils in school.
- the safe and responsible use of their children's personal devices by understanding that the devices.



## The School Online Safety Policy:

- sets expectations for the safe and responsible use of digital technologies for learning, administration, and communication
- allocates responsibilities for the delivery of the policy
- is regularly reviewed in a collaborative manner, taking account of online safety incidents and changes/trends in technology and related behaviours
- establishes guidance for staff in how they should use digital technologies responsibly, protecting themselves and the school and how they should use this understanding to help safeguard pupils in the digital world
- describes how the school will help prepare pupils to be safe and responsible users of online technologies
- establishes clear procedures to identify, report, respond to and record the misuse of digital technologies and online safety incidents, including external support mechanisms
- is supplemented by a series of related acceptable use agreements
- is made available to staff at induction, INSET training, staff notice board
- is published on the school website

## Technology

Frances Olive Anderson Church of England School uses a range of devices including PC's, laptops, iPads and tablets. In order to safeguard staff and pupils and in order to prevent loss of personal data we employ the following assistive technology:

**Internet Filtering – Internet Filtering** – Infotechdirect uses Fortinet software through an onsite Fortigate Appliance that **restricts access** to malicious websites that may pose a risk to users and equipment. It also **restricts** access to inappropriate web content; appropriate and inappropriate is determined by the age of the user and will be reviewed in line with this policy or in response to an incident, whichever is sooner. In addition to content filtering by the Fortinet firewall, Google Safesearch is enforced through the Domain Naming System. The OSL and IT Support are responsible for ensuring that the filtering is appropriate and that any issues are brought to the attention of the Headteacher.

**Email Filtering** – Office 365 Spam Protection software **reduces the likelihood of infected emails being sent from the school, or received by the school.** Infected is defined as: an email that contains a virus or script (i.e. malware) that could be damaging or destructive to data; spam email such as a phishing message.

**Encryption** – The school laptops are encrypted using 'Bitlocker'. All the data on the PC's on site is stored on the school's server. No data is to leave the school on an un-encrypted device; all devices that are kept on school property and which may contain personal data are encrypted. Any breach (i.e. loss/theft of device such as laptop) is to be brought to the attention of the Headteacher immediately. The Headteacher will liaise with the local authority to ascertain whether a report needs to be made to the Information Commissioner's Office (Note: Encryption does not mean password protected.)



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**Passwords** - for staff should be strong- having a minimum length of 12 characters and containing a at least three of the following types of character:

- Uppercase letters
- Lowercase letters
- Special characters
- Numbers

Passwords may be composed of two or three random words to make it easier to achieve the minimum password length requirement. The following password is an example of a password that is compliant with school policy #annoyingPedant

If there has been a compromise, a password change will be enforced. The OSL and IT Support will be responsible for ensuring that passwords are changed if required.

Children should log in with their own unique username and password. Children's passwords will consist of 4 or 5 letters and 1 or two numbers, e.g., Moon12 or Horse7.

Children should be educated to keep their passwords secret and not share them with other children.

The network is not segmented, however file permissions are applied to prevent children accessing areas that are restricted to staff.

**Anti-Virus** – All capable devices will have Fortclient. This software updates daily for new virus definitions. IT Support will be responsible for ensuring this task is carried out, and will report to the Headteacher if there are any concerns. All USB peripherals such as keydrives (if you allow them) are to be scanned for viruses before use.

## Safe Use

**Internet** – Use of the Internet in school is a privilege, not a right. Internet use will be granted: to staff upon signing this online safety and the staff Acceptable Use Policy; pupils upon signing and returning their acceptance of the Acceptable Use Policy that is incorporated in the 'School Booklet'.

**Email** – All staff are reminded that emails are subject to Freedom of Information requests, and as such the email service is to be used for professional work-based emails only. Emails of a personal nature are not permitted. Similarly use of personal email addresses for work purposes is not permitted.

**Photos and videos** – Digital media such as photos and videos are covered in the schools' Photography and Mobile Phone Policy and is re-iterated here for clarity. All parents must sign a photo/video release slip at the beginning of each academic year; non-return of the permission slip will not be assumed as acceptance.

**Social Networking** – there are many social networking services available; Frances Olive Anderson Church of England Primary School is fully supportive of social networking as a tool to engage and collaborate with pupils, and to engage with parents and the wider school community. The following social media services are permitted for use within Frances Olive Anderson Church of England Primary School and have been appropriately risk assessed; should staff wish to use other social media, permission must first be sought via the OSL who will advise the Headteacher for a decision to be made. Any new service will be risk assessed before use is permitted.



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- Facebook – for Snippets and other information flyers.

A broadcast service is a one-way communication method in order to share school information with the wider school community. No persons will be “followed” or “friended” on these services and as such no two-way communication will take place.

In addition, the following is to be strictly adhered to:

- Permission slips (included in the Appendices and School Booklet) must be consulted before any image or video of any child is uploaded.
- There is to be no identification of pupils at all.
- All posted data must conform to copyright law; images, videos and other resources that are not originated by the school are not allowed unless the owner’s permission has been granted or there is a license which allows for such use (i.e. creative commons).

**Notice and take down policy** – should it come to the schools attention that there is a resource which has been inadvertently uploaded, and the school does not have copyright permission to use that resource, it will be removed within one working day.

**Incidents** - Any online safety incident is to be brought to the immediate attention of the OSL, or in his/her absence the Headteacher. The OSL will assist you in taking the appropriate action to deal with the incident and record according to school procedure.

**Training and Curriculum** - It is important that the wider school community is sufficiently empowered with the knowledge to stay as risk free as possible whilst using digital technology; this includes updated awareness of new and emerging issues. As such, Frances Olive Anderson Church of England Primary School will have continual updates and programmes of training as information becomes available. Online safety is also taught as part of the PSHE curriculum.

Online safety for pupils is embedded into the curriculum; whenever ICT is used in the school, staff will ensure that there are positive messages about the safe use of technology and risks as part of the pupil’s learning. Each year as part of our Keeping Children Safe in Education and Safeguarding training teaching online safety in school is covered with reference to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/teaching-online-safety-in-schools>

As well as the programme of training we will establish further training or lessons as necessary in response to any incidents.

The OSL is responsible for recommending a programme of training and awareness for the school year to the Headteacher and responsible Governor for consideration and planning. Should any member of staff feel they have had inadequate or insufficient training generally or in any particular area this must be brought to the attention of the Headteacher for further CPD.

## Acceptable Use

The school has defined what it regards as acceptable/unacceptable use and this is shown below.

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

- when communicating in a professional capacity, staff should ensure that the technologies they use are officially sanctioned by the school.





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- any digital communication between staff and pupils or parents/carers (e-mail, social media, learning platform, etc.) must be professional in tone and content. *Personal e-mail addresses, text messaging or social media must not be used for these communications.*
- staff should be expected to follow good practice when using personal social media regarding their own professional reputation and that of the school and its community
- users should immediately report to the Headteacher or OSL – 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.
- relevant policies and permissions should be followed when posting information online e.g., school website and social media. Only school e-mail addresses should be used to identify members

Online safety should be a focus in all areas of the curriculum and staff should reinforce online safety messages across the curriculum. The online safety curriculum should be broad, relevant and provide progression, with opportunities for creative activities and will be provided in the following ways:

- A planned online safety curriculum for all year groups matched against a nationally agreed framework e.g. [Education for a Connected Work Framework by UKCIS/DCMS](#) and regularly taught in a variety of contexts.
- Lessons are matched to need; are age-related and build on prior learning
- Lessons are context-relevant with agreed objectives leading to clear and evidenced outcomes
- Pupil need and progress are addressed through effective planning and assessment. Digital competency is planned and effectively threaded through the appropriate digital pillars in other curriculum areas e.g. PHSE; SRE; Literacy etc
- it incorporates/makes use of relevant national initiatives and opportunities e.g. [Safer Internet Day](#) and [Anti-bullying week](#)
- the programme will be accessible to pupils at different ages and abilities such as those with additional learning needs or those with English as an additional language.
- vulnerability is actively addressed as part of a personalised online safety curriculum e.g., for victims of abuse and SEND.
- Pupils should be helped to understand the need for the pupil acceptable use agreement and encouraged to adopt safe and responsible use both within and outside school. Acceptable use is reinforced across the curriculum, with opportunities to discuss how to act within moral and legal boundaries online, with reference to the Computer Misuse Act 1990. Lessons and further resources are available on the [CyberChoices](#) site.
- staff should act as good role models in their use of digital technologies the internet and mobile devices
- in lessons where internet use is pre-planned, it is best practice that 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
- where pupils are allowed to freely search the internet, staff should be vigilant in supervising the pupils and monitoring the content of the websites the young people visit
- it is accepted that from time to time, for good educational reasons, pupils may need to research topics, (e.g. racism, drugs, discrimination) that would normally result in internet searches being blocked. In such a situation, staff should be able to request the temporary removal of 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
- the online safety education programme should be relevant and up to date to ensure the quality of learning and outcomes.



## Contribution of Pupils

The school acknowledges, learns from, and uses the skills and knowledge of pupils in the use of digital technologies. We recognise the potential for this to shape the online safety strategy for the school community and how this contributes positively to the personal development of young people. Their contribution is recognised through:

- mechanisms to canvass pupil feedback and opinion
- appointment of digital leaders/anti-bullying ambassadors/peer mentors
- pupils contribute to the online safety education programme e.g. peer education, online safety campaigns
- contributing to online safety events with the wider school community e.g. parents' evenings, family learning programmes etc.

## Staff/volunteers

The DfE guidance "[Keeping Children Safe in Education](#)" 2023 states:

*"All staff should receive appropriate safeguarding and child protection training (including online safety) at induction. The training should be regularly updated. In addition, all staff should receive safeguarding and child protection (including online safety) updates (for example, via email, e-bulletins, and staff meetings), as required, and at least annually, to continue to provide them with relevant skills and knowledge to safeguard children effectively."*

*"Governing bodies and proprietors should ensure... that safeguarding training for staff, including online safety training, is integrated, aligned and considered as part of the whole school or college safeguarding approach and wider staff training and curriculum planning."*

All staff will receive online safety training and understand their responsibilities, as outlined in this policy. Training will be offered as follows:

- will be an integral part of the school's annual safeguarding and data protection training for all staff. This will be regularly updated and reinforced. An audit of the online safety training needs of all staff will be carried out regularly.
- all new staff will receive online safety training as part of their induction programme, ensuring that they fully understand the school online safety policy and acceptable use agreements. It includes explicit reference to classroom management, professional conduct, online reputation and the need to model positive online behaviours.
- the Online Safety Lead and Designated Safeguarding Lead (or other nominated person) will receive regular updates through attendance at external training events and by reviewing guidance documents released by relevant organisations
- this Online Safety Policy and its updates will be presented to and discussed by staff in staff/team meetings/INSET days
- the Designated Safeguarding Lead/Online Safety Lead (or other nominated person) will provide advice/guidance/training to individuals as required.

## Governors

Governors should take part in online safety training/awareness sessions, with particular importance for those who are members of any sub-committee/group involved in technology/online safety/health and safety/safeguarding. This may be offered in several ways such as:

- attendance at training provided by the local authority or other relevant organization.



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- participation in school training / information sessions for staff or parents.

A higher level of training will be made available to (at least) the Online Safety Governor. This will include:

- Cyber-security training (at least at a basic level)
- Training to allow the governor to understand the school's filtering and monitoring provision, in order that they can participate in the required checks and review.

## **Families**

Many parents and carers have only a limited understanding of online 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 online 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 seek to provide information and awareness to parents and carers through:

- regular communication, awareness-raising and engagement on online safety issues, curriculum activities and reporting routes
- regular opportunities for engagement with parents/carers on online safety issues through awareness workshops / parent/carer evenings etc
- the pupils – who are encouraged to pass on to parents the online safety messages they have learned in lessons and by pupils leading sessions at parent/carer evenings.
- letters, newsletters, website,
- high profile events / campaigns e.g. [Safer Internet Day](#)
- reference to the relevant web sites/publications, e.g. [SWGfL](#); [www.saferinternet.org.uk/](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/); [www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers](http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers) (see Appendix for further links/resources).
- Sharing good practice with other schools in clusters and or the local authority.

## **Acceptable Use Policy Agreements (AUA)**

The Online Safety Policy and Acceptable Use Policy Agreements define acceptable use at the school.

AUA's will be communicated/re-enforced through:

- School Booklet
- staff induction and Code of Conduct
- posters/notices around where technology is used
- communication with parents/carers
- built into education sessions
- school website

## **Staff and Volunteer Acceptable Use Agreement - 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 access to the internet and digital technologies at all times.



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This acceptable use policy agreement 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 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 technology in their everyday work.

The school will try to ensure that staff and volunteers will have good access to digital technology to enhance their work, to enhance learning opportunities for 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 systems in a responsible way, to ensure that there is no risk to my safety or to the safety and security of the systems and other users. I recognise the value of the use of digital technology for enhancing learning and will ensure that pupils receive opportunities to gain from the use of digital technology. I will, where possible, educate the young people in my care in the safe use of digital technology and embed online safety in my work with young people.

For my professional and personal safety:

- I understand that the school will monitor my use of the school digital technology and communications systems.
- I understand that the rules set out in this agreement also apply to use of these technologies (e.g. laptops, email, Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) etc out of school, and to the transfer of personal data (digital or paper based) out of school.
- I understand that the school digital technology systems are primarily intended for educational use and that I will not use the systems for personal or recreational use.
- I will not disclose my username or password to anyone else, nor will I try to use any other person's username and password (apart from our IT support). 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 OSL or Headteacher.

I will be professional in my communications and actions when using school 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 only use 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.



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The school has the responsibility to provide safe and secure access to technologies and ensure the smooth running of the school:

- When I use my mobile devices 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 use personal email addresses on the school's 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 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, terrorist or extremist 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 policies.
- 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 and Privacy Notice. Where digital personal data is transferred outside the secure local network, it must be encrypted. Paper based documents containing personal data must be held in lockable storage.
- I understand that the Data Protection policy and Staff Code of Conduct 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 online systems 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's digital technology equipment in school, but also applies to my use of school 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 agreement, I could be subject to disciplinary action detailed in LCC Schools Disciplinary Policy which could result in a



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warning, a suspension, referral to Governors/Trustees 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 digital technology 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: .....

## **Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement – KS2**

This Acceptable Use Agreement (AUA) is intended:

- to ensure that pupils will have good access to devices and online content, be responsible users and stay safe while using digital technologies for educational, personal and recreational use
- to help pupils understand good online behaviours that they can use in school, but also outside school
- to protect school devices and networks from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.

## **Acceptable Use Agreement**

When I use devices I must behave responsibly to help keep me and other users safe online and to look after the devices.

For my own personal safety:

- I understand that what I do online will be supervised and monitored and that I may not be allowed to use devices in school unless I follow these rules and use them responsibly.
- I will only visit internet sites that adults have told me are safe to visit.
- I will keep my username and password safe and secure and not share it with anyone else.
- I will be aware of “stranger danger” when I am online.
- I will not share personal information about myself or others when online.
- If I arrange to meet people off-line that I have communicated with online, I will do so in a public place and take a trusted adult with me.
- I will immediately tell an adult if I see anything that makes me feel uncomfortable when I see it online.

I will look after the devices I use, so that the school and everyone there can be safe:

- I will handle all the devices carefully and only use them if I have permission.
- I will not try to alter the settings on any devices or try to install any software or programmes.



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- I will tell an adult if a device is damaged or if anything else goes wrong.
- I will only use the devices to do things that I am allowed to do.
- I will think about how my behaviour online might affect other people:
- When online, I will act as I expect others to act toward me.
- I will not copy anyone else's work or files without their permission.
- I will be polite and responsible when I communicate with others, and I appreciate that others may have different opinions to me.
- I will not take or share images of anyone without their permission.

I know that there are other rules that I need to follow:

- I will not use my own personal devices (mobile phones or smart watch in school. I will place my device in the school's 'phone box' that is stored in the school office during the school day.
- I will only use social media sites with permission and at the times that are allowed.
- 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 is accurate, as I understand that the work of others may not be truthful and may be a deliberate attempt to mislead me.
- I should have permission if I use the original work of others in my own work.

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

- I know that I am expected to follow these rules in school and that I should behave in the same way when out of school as well.
- I understand that if I do not follow these rules, I may be subject to disciplinary action. This could include loss of access to the school network/internet, parents/carers contacted and in the event of illegal activities involvement of the police.

**Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement Form**

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 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 do not use my own devices in the school e.g. mobile phones, gaming devices USB devices, cameras etc.
- I am out of school and involved in any online behaviour that might affect the school or other members of the school.

Name of Pupil: ..... Year: .....  
Signed: ..... Date: .....  
Parent/Carer Countersignature



### Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement (KS1)

This Acceptable Use Agreement (AUA) is intended:

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- to help pupils understand good online behaviours that they can use in school, but also outside school
- to protect school devices and networks from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.

### 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/tablets.
- I will only use activities that a teacher or suitable adult has told or allowed me to use.
- I will take care of computers/tablets 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/tablet.

Signed (child): .....

Signed (parent): .....Date:





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**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 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 online 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 pupil 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 agreement 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: .....

Pupil Name: .....

As the parent/carers of the above pupil, I give permission for my son/daughter to have access to the digital technologies at school.

**KS2**

I know that my son/daughter has signed an acceptable use agreement and has received, or will receive, online safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of technology and the internet – both in and out of school.

**Reception/KS1**

I understand that the school has discussed the acceptable use agreement with my son/daughter and that they have received, or will receive, online 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 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 systems will be monitored and that the school will contact me if they have concerns about any possible breaches of the acceptable use agreement.

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 online safety.



### Use of Digital/Video Images

The use of digital/video images plays an important part in learning activities. Pupils and members of staff may use digital devices 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. Where an image is publicly shared by any means, only your child's first name will be used and only with your permission.

The school will comply with the Data Protection Act and request parent's/carer's permission before taking images of members of the school. We will also ensure that when images are published that the pupils 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 only be of your children and not of any others and 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.

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/Carers Name: ..... Pupil Name: .....

As the parent/carer of the above pupil, I agree to the school taking digital/video images of my child/children.	Yes/No
I agree to these images being used:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to support learning activities.</li> </ul>	Yes/No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>in publicity that reasonably celebrates success and promotes the work of the school.</li> </ul>	Yes/No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>images may be published on the school's website and Facebook page, in the school's newsletter Snippets and via the schools communication software Parent Hub</li> </ul>	Yes/No
I agree that if I take digital or video images at, or of school events which include images of children, that they will not include images of other children. I will abide by these guidelines in my use of these images.	Yes/No

Signed: .....

Date: .....



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### Use of Cloud Systems Permission Form

The school uses Seesaw for Y1 – Y6 and Tapestry for Reception pupils and staff. This permission form describes the tools and pupil responsibilities for using these services. Using Seesaw and Tapestry will enable your child to collaboratively create, edit and share files and websites for school related projects and communicate with members of staff. These services are entirely online and available 24/7 from any internet-connected device. The school believes that use of the tools significantly adds to your child's educational experience.

Do you consent to your child to having access to this service? Yes/No

Pupil Name: ..... Parent/Carers Name: .....  
Signed..... Date: .....

The data shared with the service provider is:  
Child's name and Class – Seesaw.  
Child's name, date of birth and parent/carers email address -Tapestry.

**This form will be stored with your child's school information in a locked cupboard. It will only be accessed by the school's teaching and office staff and if necessary the school's online safety governor. It will be renewed annually. It will be securely destroyed when your child leaves this school.**



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### Reporting Log

Date	Time	Incident	Action Taken		Incident Reported By	Signature
			What?	By Whom?		



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**Online Safety Incident**

