

Rothersthorpe CE Primary School



E-safety Policy

Introduction

ICT and the internet have become integral to teaching and learning within schools; providing children, young people and staff with opportunities to improve understanding, access online resources and communicate with the world at the touch of a button. At present, the internet based technologies used extensively by young people in both home and school environments include:

- Websites
- Social Media
- Mobile phones
- Laptops, tablets and ipads
- Online gaming
- Learning Platforms and Virtual Learning Environments
- Video broadcasting
- Blogs and Wikis
- Email, Instant Messaging and Chat Rooms

Teaching and learning

Why Internet and digital communications are important

- The Internet is an essential element in 21st century life for education, business and social interaction. Our school has a duty to provide pupils with quality Internet access as part of their learning experience.
- Internet use is a part of the curriculum and a necessary tool for staff and pupils.
- Our school Internet access is provided by EXA Networks and includes filtering appropriate to the age of pupils.
- Pupils will be taught what Internet use is acceptable and what is not and given clear objectives for Internet use.
- Pupils will be educated in the effective use of the Internet.
- Pupils will be shown how to publish and present information appropriately to a wider audience.

Pupils will be taught how to evaluate Internet content

- Our school will seek to ensure that the use of Internet derived materials by staff and by pupils complies with copyright law.

- Pupils should be taught to be critically aware of the materials they read and shown how to validate information before accepting its accuracy.
- Pupils will be taught how to report unpleasant Internet content e.g. telling an adult; using the CEOP Report Abuse icon or Hector Protector.

Managing Internet Access

Information system security

- School ICT systems security will be reviewed regularly.
- Virus protection will be updated regularly.
- Pupils must immediately tell a teacher/adult if they see offensive images or words.
- Pupils must not reveal personal details of themselves or others in any online communication, or arrange to meet anyone without specific permission.
- Staff to pupil email communication must only take place via a school email address or from within the learning platform and will be monitored.
- Incoming e-mail should be treated as suspicious and attachments not opened unless the author is known.

Published content and the school website

- The contact details on the website should be the school address, e-mail and telephone number. Staff or pupils personal information will not be published.
- The head teacher has overall editorial responsibility and will ensure that content is accurate and appropriate.

Publishing photographs, images and work

- Photographs that include pupils will be carefully selected.
- Pupils' names will be avoided on the school Website and school facebook account as appropriate, including in blogs, forums or wikis, particularly in association with photographs.
- Written permission from parents or carers will be obtained before photographs or images of pupils are published.
- Permission from adults will be obtained before their names, photographs or images of themselves are published.
- Parents should be clearly informed of the school policy on image taking and publishing, both on school and independent electronic repositories.
- Staff will not keep images of children on personal devices e.g. memory sticks, or use them for any use other than in school.

Social networking and personal publishing on the school learning platform

Managing filtering

- The school will work in partnership with EXA Networks to ensure systems to protect pupils are reviewed and improved.

- If staff or pupils come across unsuitable on-line materials, the site must be reported to the nominated member of staff.
- The school will ensure that regular checks are made to ensure that the filtering methods selected are appropriate, effective and reasonable.

Managing emerging technologies

- Emerging technologies will be examined for educational benefit and a risk assessment will be carried out before use in school is allowed.

Other devices

- Pupils are not allowed to bring mobile phones and associated cameras to school unless special permission has been granted. For example Year 6 pupils on their last day. The class teacher will supervise.
- The sending of abusive, offensive or inappropriate material is forbidden.
- Staff should not share personal telephone numbers with pupils and parents. (A school phone will be provided for staff where contact with pupils is required).

Protecting personal data

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

Policy Decisions

Authorising Internet access

- All staff must read and sign the 'Staff Code of Conduct' and 'Acceptable Use Policy'.
- Pupils and Parents will be asked to sign and return the 'Responsible Internet Use' form (See Appendix).

Assessing risks

- The school will take all reasonable precautions to prevent access to inappropriate material. However, due to the international scale and linked Internet content, it is not possible to guarantee that unsuitable material will never appear on a school computer. Neither the school nor EXA Networks or NCC can accept liability for the material accessed, or any consequences of Internet access.
- The school will audit ICT use to establish if the E-safety policy is adequate and that the implementation of the E-safety policy is appropriate and effective

Handling E-safety complaints

- Complaints of Internet misuse will be dealt with by the Head teacher.
- Any complaint about staff misuse must be referred to the Head teacher.
- Complaints of a child protection nature must be referred to the Senior Designated Professional for Safeguarding and dealt with in accordance with school child protection procedures.

- Pupils and parents will be informed of the complaints procedure.
- Pupils and parents will be informed of consequences for pupils misusing the Internet.

Community use of the Internet

- All use of the school Internet connection by community and other organisations shall be in accordance with the school E-safety policy.

Communications Policy

Introducing the E-safety policy to pupils

- Appropriate elements of the E-safety policy will be shared with pupils.
- Pupils will be informed that network and Internet use will be monitored.
- Curriculum opportunities to gain awareness of E-safety issues and how best to deal with them will be provided for pupils.

Staff and the E-safety policy

- All staff will be given the School E-safety Policy and its importance explained.
- Staff should be aware that Internet traffic can be monitored and traced to the individual user. Discretion and professional conduct is essential.
- Staff who manage filtering systems or monitor ICT use will be supervised by senior management and have clear procedures for reporting issues.

Enlisting parents' support

- Parents' and carers' attention will be drawn to the School E-safety Policy in newsletters, the school brochure and on the school website.
- Parents and carers will from time to time be provided with additional information on E-safety.
- The school will ask all new parents to sign the parent /pupil agreement when they register their child with the school.
- Parents and carers will be reminded that they must not publish any images or comments of other children or adults from performances/community events on social network sites without that person's permission.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Schools Safeguarding & Acceptable Use Policy.

Agreed by Governors – September 2015

Signature..... Nicola Fountain – Head teacher

Signature..... Fiona Newitt – Chair of Governors

Appendix 1:

Rothersthorpe CE Primary School's Staff, Governor and Visitor Acceptable Use Agreement / ICT Code of Conduct

ICT and the related technologies such as email, the Internet and mobile devices are an expected part of our daily working life in school. This policy is designed to ensure that all adult users are aware of their responsibilities when using any form of ICT. All such users are expected to sign this policy and adhere at all times to its contents. Any concerns or clarification should be discussed with the Head teacher.

- I appreciate that ICT includes a wide range of systems, including mobile phones, digital cameras, ipads, tablets, email, social networking and that ICT use may also include personal ICT devices when used for school business.
- I understand that it is an offence to use a school ICT system and equipment for any purpose not permitted by its owner.
- I will only use the school's email / Internet / Intranet / Learning Platform and any related technologies for uses permitted by the Head or Governing Body.
- I will comply with the ICT system security and not disclose any passwords provided to me by the school or other related authorities.
- I understand that I am responsible for all activity carried out under my username
- I will ensure that all school generated electronic communications are appropriate and compatible with my role.
- I will ensure that all data is kept secure and is used appropriately and as authorised by the Head teacher or Governing Body. If in doubt I will seek clarification. This includes taking data off site.
- At school, I will not install any hardware or software without the permission of the Head teacher.
- I will not browse, download, upload or distribute any material that could be considered offensive, illegal or discriminatory.

- Images will only be taken, stored and used for purposes in line with school policy and with written consent of the parent, carer or adult subject. Images will not be distributed outside the school network/learning platform without the consent of the subject or of the parent/carers, and the permission of the Head teacher.

- I understand that my permitted use of the Internet and other related technologies can be monitored and logged and can be made available, on request, to the Head teacher.

- I will respect copyright and intellectual property rights.

- I will not jeopardise the safety or wellbeing of any child or adult in the school through my use of ICT.

- I will report any incidents of concern regarding children's safety to Head teacher.

User Signature

I agree to follow this code of conduct and to support the safe use of ICT throughout the school.

Full Name:.....(printed)

Role:.....

Signature:.....**Date:**.....

Appendix 2:

Rothersthorpe CE Primary School's E-safety agreement form for Parents and Carers.

Parent / Guardian Name:.....

Pupil Name:

Class:

As the parent or legal guardian of the above pupil(s), I grant permission for my child to have access to use the Internet, school website and other ICT facilities at school.

I know that my daughter or son has signed a form to confirm that they will keep to the school's rules for responsible ICT use and understand that my son/daughter may be informed if the rules have to be changed during the year. I know that the latest copy of the E-Safety Policy is available from the school office or on the school website and that further advice about safe use of the Internet can be found on the school's website.

I accept that ultimately the school cannot be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed through the Internet and mobile technologies, but I understand that the school will take every reasonable precaution to keep pupils safe and to prevent pupils from accessing inappropriate materials. These steps include using a filtered internet service, secure access to email, employing appropriate teaching practice and teaching e-safety skills to pupils.

I understand that the school can check my child's computer files, and the Internet sites they visit. I also know that the school may contact me if there are concerns about my son/daughter's e-safety or e-behaviour.

I will support the school by promoting safe use of the Internet and digital technology at home and will inform the school if I have any concerns over my child's e-safety.

Parent's Signature:.....**Date:**.....

Appendix 3:

Rothersthorpe CE Primary School's E-safety Rules

These E-safety Rules help to protect pupils and the school by describing acceptable computer use.

- I understand the school owns the computer network and learning platform and can set rules for its use to keep me safe.
- I will only use ICT systems in school, including the internet and digital pictures for school purposes.
- I will only log on with my own user name and password.
- I will not share my passwords with anyone.
- I will make sure that all messages are responsible, respectful and sensible.
- I will be responsible for my behaviour when using the Internet/learning platform. This includes resources and the language I use.
- I will not give out any personal information about myself or anyone else when using the internet.
- If I accidentally come across any material that makes me uncomfortable I will report it to a teacher.
- I will not download or install software.
- I will respect the privacy and ownership of others' work on-line at all times.
- I understand the school may watch my use of the school's computer systems and learning platform.
- I understand that I will only be allowed to use the school equipment and systems by following these rules.

Pupil Name:

Pupil Signature:.....**Date:**.....