Online Safety Policy

The Internet is great because:

- You can learn many things.
- You can have lots of fun.
- It can help with our school work.
- You can stay in touch with friends and family.

Some online dangers include:

- Cyberbullying—hurtful text messages and emails, swearing on X boxes.
- Stranger danger—some people, who we talk to online, we do not know, so they are strangers.
- Bad language—sometimes when we are online, we can see or hear swear words that might upset us.
- Content online—some material online is not suitable for children to look at.
- Viruses—some emails can contain viruses.

School Council's definition of cyberbullying

Cyberbullying is sending rude, unkind messages to someone online. It could also be someone commenting or sharing something inappropriate, like photo shopping a photo. This could be done on social media or online gaming platforms. It happens over and over again. It could be done by one person or a group of people.

What is Online Safety?

- Online Safety means electronic safety.
- Online Safety is important because it helps to keep children safe so they can enjoy, explore and have fun!

Why do we need an Online Safety Policy?

- To keep children safe on the Internet in school and out.
- To advise children of appropriate content.
- So that children are aware of what to do when something strange occurs or they are worried.

If people online are unkind or worry you:

What should you do?

- Tell an adult that you trust straight away.
- Try to stay calm.
- Report anything that worries you.
- Try to ignore the person.
- Block and delete the person.
- Keep all messages for evidence.

What shouldn't you do?

- Do not keep worries to yourself.
- Do not be unkind or nasty back.
- Do not get angry or upset.
- Do not allow the person to keep being unkind.
- Do not delete messages.

Who can we tell if we have worries about online safety or Cyber-bullying?

- Friends
- Family
- Teachers
- School Council
- PCSOs
- Lunchtime Supervisors
- Parents and Carers
- Older siblings

What our school does to respond to online safety issues?

- We take online safety seriously.
- We listen to the children involved and offer support.
- We investigate and look at evidence.
- We make sure children face up to the consequences of their actions.
- We contact parents or carers.

What does the school provide to keep us safe?

- The school maintains anti-virus software to keep viruses away.
- The school maintains Internet filters to keep us from seeing inappropriate content.
- The school keeps access to I-Pads and laptops secure.
- The school keeps our network and Wi-Fi access secure.
- The school makes sure all staff have training to help keep children safe on the Internet.
- The school provides a list of appropriate websites.
- The school keeps searching safe on Google and other search engines.

Our Internet Rules:

- We ask permission before using the Internet.
- We use websites our teachers have advised us to look at.
- We only email people our teachers have asked us to.
- When we send emails, they are polite and friendly.
- We never give out our address or telephone numbers.
- We never arrange to meet anyone we don't know.
- We don't open emails from people we don't know.
- We tell a teacher if we see anything that we are unhappy with.

How should we act on the Internet?

S – Keep your personal information SAFE and SECURE

M – Do not agree to meet anyone from the Internet; they may not be who you think they are.

A – Do not ACCEPT messages or emails from somebody you don't know.

R – Remember, do not always trust the information you find on the Internet; it may not be correct.

T – If something or someone upsets you on the Internet, TELL a trusted adult in school or at home.

Who can help us outside of school?

Anti-bullying Alliance www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk	Bullying on line www.bullying.co.uk
Kidscape www.kidscape.org.uk	Cyberbullying www.cyberbullyng.co.uk
Childline 08000 1111	Think U know (CEOP) www.thinkuknow.co.uk

SMART

S — Stay Safe
Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.

M — Don't Meet Up
Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.

A — Accepting Files
Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.

R — Reliable?
Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?

T — Tell Someone
Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.

Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!

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