

Keeping Children Safe Online (E-Safety)

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Network Safety

The school's Network is presently looked after by our network manager.

Regular meetings take place between the network manager and a representative of the senior leadership team. During this meeting any issues with the Network and E-Safety issues are dealt with.

Securus, which is a highly effective monitoring system which identifies cyberbullying and other safeguarding concerns, is used in school as part of the school's support for keeping children safe online. This is checked weekly by the network manager and any issues that are highlighted in these checks are written in the Internet safety log and are then dealt with by Janis French.

The school network is also protected Net Sweeper which is updated and monitored by our network manager to make sure it is protecting our staff and students from all forms of inappropriate material.

Safety and Responsibilities for Staff

All staff are required to read and sign an Acceptable User Policy (AUP) which clearly states the responsibilities of staff using technology in the work place. This will be signed when they commence their employment at Ellesmere College and will be reinforced each year during the staff's E-Safety Session and Safeguarding updates.

All staff will attend both training on E-Safety and Prevent (dealing with radicalization & extremism).

The AUP list the responsibilities of all staff and covers the use of digital technologies in school:

i.e. E-mail, Internet, Intranet and network resources, Learning Platform, software, equipment and systems and complements the General Teaching Council's Code of Practice for Registered Teachers.

E-Safety and Prevent training will be provided to all members of staff at least once a year and it is each person's responsibility to attend this session. These sessions will be arranged by the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

It is very important that staff make sure that pupils they are responsible for are using the Internet safely. High risk students will be highlighted by the Phase team and staff will be made aware of these students.

Staff should not have work emails on their personal devices, they must access emails using the webpage login and are not to download attachments or information onto their devices.

Safety and Responsibility for Pupils

Although some of our pupils are unable to access the Internet we have a good percentage of pupils who are able to use the Internet independently and therefore are at risk from either deliberately accessing inappropriate material or, due to their level of literacy, accidentally accessing harmful sites.

No child is able to access the Internet in school without their parents giving permission to do so. This consent form is filled in at the beginning of each school year. All children are supervised in school whilst using the Internet and all are made aware that all their activity within school is monitored.

All pupils will receive E-Safety training throughout the year, either as part of their ICT session or PHSE session. (All E-Safety materials including lessons plans, PowerPoints and videos are stored on the school network)

All pupils will be taught how to use all technologies in a responsible and safe way. This will be part of the ICT curriculum.

No child may appear on the Web Site without their parent/ carer consent, the consent form is completed at the beginning of each academic year.

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