BOURNEBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONLINE SAFETY POLICY

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This policy sets out the ways in which the school will:

- educate all members of the school community on their rights and responsibilities with the use of technology;
- build both an infrastructure and culture of Online Safety;
- work to empower the school community to use technology including the internet as an essential tool for life-long learning.

This policy is written in line with 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' 2021 (KCSIE), 'Teaching Online Safety in Schools' 2019, statutory RSHE guidance and other statutory documents.

Scope of policy

This policy applies to all members of the school community, including staff, pupils, volunteers, parents/carers, visitors and community users.

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 such as cyber-bullying and inappropriate use of social networking by pupils and staff, which may take place out of school, but are linked to membership of the school. It also applies to both staff and pupil use of technology for remote/online learning as part of a blended approach and during any school closures (partial or full) e.g. during a national/local lockdown or due to severe weather.

The school will manage Online Safety as described within this policy and associated behaviour and anti-bullying policies and will inform parents and carers of known incidents of inappropriate Online Safety behaviour that take place in and out of school.

This Online Safety Policy should be read in conjunction with the following other linked school policies:

- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Positive Behaviour Policy
- Acceptable Use Policies
- Data Protection Policy, agreements and other documentation (e.g. privacy statement and consent forms for data sharing, image use etc)
- Staff Code of Conduct

Schedule for Development, Monitoring and Review

The impact of the policy will be monitored by the Headteacher by looking at:

- The Warwickshire County Council Capture software
- a new log of reported in-school incidents (as part of behaviour incident reporting)
- discussion with staff, pupils, parents and carers

Roles and responsibilities

The Headteacher and Governors oversee the safe use of technology when children and learners are in their care and act immediately if they are concerned about bullying, radicalisation or other aspects of children's well-being. They are responsible for ensuring the safety (including online and the prevention of being drawn into terrorism) of all members of the school community. They have concern for the online reputation of the school. All staff are responsible for promoting, implementing and monitoring the Online Safety Policy and AUPs (Acceptable User Policies) and reporting any issues to the Headteacher.

Role	Responsibility
Governors	• Approve the Online Safety Policy • Monitor the effectiveness of the Online Safety Policy[1] • Delegate a governor to act as Online Safety link • Online Safety Governor works with the Online Safety Lead to carry out regular monitoring and report to Governors • Verify that the filtering, monitoring and or supervision systems are in place to identify children accessing or trying to access harmful and inappropriate content online
Head Teacher Online Safety Lead	• Ensure that all staff receive suitable CPD to carry out their Online Safety roles including online risks of extremism and radicalisation • Create a culture where staff and learners feel able to report incidents • Ensure that there is a progressive Online Safety curriculum in place • Ensure that there is a system in place for monitoring Online Safety • Follow correct procedure in the event of a serious Online Safety allegation being made against a member of staff or pupil • Inform the local authority about any serious Online Safety issues • Ensure that the school infrastructure/network is as safe and secure as possible • Ensure that policies and procedures approved within this policy are implemented • Use an audit to annually review Online Safety with the school's technical support • Ensure that the Remote/Online Learning strategy developed and implemented by the school meets safeguarding and online safety requirements • Log, manage and inform others of Online Safety incidents and how they have been resolved where this is appropriate • Lead the establishment and review of Online Safety policies and documents • Work with the PSHE/RSHE and Computing Leads to embed and monitor a progressive Online Safety curriculum for pupils, as part of the RSE Curriculum and to reinforce and extend learning within the Computing Curriculum • Ensure all staff are aware of the procedures outlined in policies relating to Online Safety • Provide and/or broker training and advice for staff • Attend updates, subscribe to appropriate newsletters and liaise with the LA Online Safety staff and technical staff • Meet with Online Safety Governor to regularly discuss incidents and developments
All Teaching and Support Staff	• Participate in any training and awareness raising sessions • Read, understand, sign and act in accordance with the AUP and Online Safety Policy • Report any suspected misuse or concerns (within or outside school) to the Online Safety Lead / Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and check this has been recorded and actioned • Provide appropriate Online Safety learning opportunities as part of a progressive Online Safety curriculum • Model the safe, positive and purposeful use of technology

	• Monitor the use of technology in lessons, extracurricular and extended school activities, including Online/Remote Learning • Be mindful of the additional safeguarding considerations required if delivering Online/Remote Learning • Demonstrate consistently high standards of personal and professional conduct especially in relation to use of social networks, making sure that these are in line with school ethos and policies.
Computing lead	• Work with the Online Safety Lead to embed and monitor a progressive Online Safety curriculum for pupils, to reinforce and extend learning within the Computing Curriculum
Pupils	• Read, understand, sign and act in accordance with the Pupil AUP / agreed class appropriate use of technology agreement • Report concerns for themselves or others • Make informed and positive choices when using technology in school and outside school, considering the effect on themselves and others
Parents and Carers	• Endorse (by signature) the Pupil AUP • Discuss appropriate, healthy, safe use of technology and Online Safety issues with their child(ren) and monitor their home use of technology (including tablets, mobile phones and games devices) and the internet • Keep up to date with issues through newsletters and other opportunities • Inform teacher / Headteacher of any Online Safety concerns • Use formal channels to raise matters of concern about their child(ren)'s education • Maintain responsible standards when referring to the school on social media, in line with the Parent Code of Conduct
Technical Support Provider	• Ensure the school's ICT infrastructure is as secure as possible and is protected from misuse or malicious attack • Ensure users may only access the school network using an approved password • Support the school to ensure that platforms selected by the school for Online/Remote learning meet safeguarding and online safety requirements • Maintain and inform the Senior Leadership Team of issues relating to filtering • Keep up to date with Online Safety technical information and update others as relevant • Ensure use of the network is regularly monitored in order that any misuse can be reported to the Online Safety Lead for investigation • Ensure monitoring systems are implemented and updated • Ensure all security updates are applied (including anti-virus and Windows)
Community Users	• Sign and follow the Guest/Staff AUP before being provided with access to school systems • Demonstrate appropriate standards of personal and professional conduct

Education of pupils

A progressive planned Online Safety education programme takes place in line with 'Teaching online safety in schools', through discrete lessons and across the curriculum, for all children in all years, and is regularly revisited.

At Bournebrook:

- key Online Safety messages are reinforced through assemblies, Safer Internet Week (February), anti-bullying week (November) and throughout all teaching
- pupils are taught to keep themselves safe online and to be responsible in their use of different technologies
- staff are vigilant in monitoring the content of the websites visited and encourage pupils to use specific search terms to reduce the likelihood of coming across unsuitable material
- in lessons where internet use is pre-planned and where it is reasonable, pupils are guided to sites checked as suitable for their use and processes are in place for dealing with any unsuitable material that is found in internet searches
- pupils are taught to be critically aware of the content they access online, including recognition of bias and extreme or commercial content. They are guided to validate the accuracy and reliability of information
- pupils are taught to acknowledge the source of information used and to respect copyright when using material accessed on the internet
- the online safety lead maintains and passes on knowledge of current concerns to be included within learning experiences
- pupils will sign an AUP at the beginning of each school year, which will be shared with parents and carers
- pupils are educated to recognise and respond appropriately to 'different forms of bullying, including cyber-bullying' and given opportunities to support each other
- a continuous provision map is used with the youngest learners and SEN learners to establish appropriate habits for responsible use of technology

Education and information for parents and carers

Parents and carers will be informed about the ways the internet and technology is used in school. They have a critical role to play in supporting their children with managing Online Safety risks at home, reinforcing key messages about Online Safety and regulating their home experiences. The school supports parents and carers to do this by:

- providing clear AUP guidance which they are asked to sign with their children
- providing regular newsletter items and appropriate support materials
- raising awareness through activities planned by pupils and staff
- inviting parents to attend activities such as Online Safety week, Online Safety assemblies or other meetings as appropriate
- providing and maintaining links to up to date information on the school website and school Facebook group

Training of Staff and Governors

At Bournebrook:

- all staff know the Designated Safeguarding Lead and the Online Safety Lead and their responsibilities
- annually staff are surveyed to find out Online Safety training needs for that year
- updates are shared at staff meetings or by email
- the Online Safety Lead receiving regular updates through attendance at training sessions and by reviewing regular Online Safety newsletters from the LA
- this Online Safety Policy and its updates being shared and discussed in staff meetings and in Governor meetings as well as being published on the website
- the Online Safety Lead providing training within safeguarding training and providing safety updates when required
- the Online Safety Lead providing guidance as required to individuals and seeking LA support on issues

Peer on Peer Abuse

All members of staff are made aware that children can abuse other children (often referred to as peer on peer abuse). Children are encouraged to talk to members of staff if they feel they are the victim or perpetrator, or if they are aware of peer on peer abuse. This abuse may include:

Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying (along with all other forms of bullying) of any member of the school community will not be tolerated. Full details are set out in the school's policy on anti-bullying and behaviour. The school will follow procedures in place to support anyone in the school community affected by cyberbullying.

- Pupils and staff are made aware of a range of ways of reporting concerns about online bullying. This may be by: using their Network Hand, Childline App and phone number 0800 1111.
- Pupils, staff and parents and carers are informed of their responsibilities to report any incidents of online bullying and advised to keep electronic evidence.
- All incidents of online bullying reported to the school will be recorded and action taken by the school.
- The school will follow procedures to investigate incidents or allegations of online bullying.
- The school will take steps where possible and appropriate, to identify the bully. This may include examining school system logs, identifying and interviewing possible witnesses, and contacting the service provider and the police.
- Pupils, staff and parents and carers will be required to work with the school to support the approach to online bullying and the school's Online Safety ethos.
- Sanctions for those involved in online bullying will follow those for other bullying incidents as indicated in the school's Positive Behaviour Policy or AUP and may include:

- the bully being asked to remove any material deemed to be inappropriate or the service provider being contacted to remove content if the bully refuses or is unable to delete content
- the parent and carers of pupils being informed
- the police being contacted if a criminal offence is suspected

Sexting

The school will follow UKCIS advice on how to respond to any incident of sexting. We will provide appropriate support for sexting incidents which take place in and out of school. Within school, any device which has an illegal image of a child under 18, or is suspected of having such an image, will be secured and switched off. This will then be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). An individual member of staff will not investigate, delete or pass on the image. The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) will record any incident of sexting and the actions taken in line with advice from Warwickshire Local Authority. See also the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

Sexual Harassment, including Upskirting

All staff are made aware that sexual harassment can occur between two children of any age and sex and can include online harassment. Online sexual harassment may be standalone, or part of a wider pattern of sexual harassment and/or sexual violence and can include:

- non-consensual sharing of sexual images and videos
- sexualised online bullying
- unwanted sexual comments and messages, including, on social media
- sexual exploitation; coercion and threats
- upskirting

All staff are made aware of what upskirting is, and that it is illegal. Any incident of sexual harassment will be taken seriously and reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) will record the incident(s) and the actions taken in line with DfE Guidance and advice from Warwickshire Local Authority and/or the police as necessary.

Prevent

The school works to ensure children are safe from terrorist and extremist material when accessing the internet on the premises. Appropriate levels of filtering, through Warwickshire County Council filtering service, are in place through a managed filtering service which includes terms related to terrorism. Appropriate monitoring of internet use will identify attempts to access such material. Children are educated to evaluate information accessed with a reporting procedure that identifies inappropriate sites so that action, including blocking, can be put into place.

Technical Infrastructure

Bournebrook subscribe to ICTDS support through Warwickshire County Council and in addition one member of staff is employed as technical support in school. The school ensures, when working with our technical support provider that the following guidelines are adhered to:

- the School ICT systems are managed in ways that ensure that the school meets Online Safety technical requirements
- there are regular reviews and audits of the safety and security of school ICT systems.
- appropriate security measures are in place to protect the servers, firewalls, routers, wireless systems, workstations and other devices from accidental or malicious attempts which might threaten the security of the school systems and data with regard to:

- ensuring ongoing backups take place and, in case of an incident, the school can restore data in line with our business continuity plan
- the downloading of executable files by users
- the extent of personal use that users (staff/pupils/community users) and their family members are allowed on laptops and other portable devices used out of school
- the installing of programs on school devices unless permission is given by the technical support provider or Computing/ICT coordinator
- the use of removable media (e.g. memory sticks) by users on school devices. (see School Personal Data Policy for further detail)
- the installation of up to date anti-virus software

- access to the school network and internet will be controlled with regard to:
  - users having clearly defined access rights to school ICT systems through group policies
  - users being provided with an appropriate username and password (considering accessibility of users with particular needs where supervision is put in place to monitor activity)
  - staff users being made aware that they are responsible for the security of their username and password; they must not allow other users to access the systems using their log on details
  - the 'master/administrator' passwords for all systems are available to the Headteacher and kept securely in an agreed place
  - users must immediately report any suspicion or evidence that there has been a breach of security
  - an agreed process being in place for the provision of temporary access of "guests" (e.g. trainee or supply teachers, visitors) onto the school system. Anyone allowed unsupervised access must read the visitors acceptable use information and made aware of this policy.

- the internet feed will be controlled with regard to:
  - the school's responsibility[2] to "ensure appropriate filters and appropriate monitoring systems are in place. Children are safeguarded from potentially harmful and inappropriate online material." Keeping Children Safe 2020
  - Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 pupils' access will be supervised with access to specific and approved online materials
  - Key Stage 2 pupils' will be supervised and directed to age-appropriate online materials and activities
  - requests from staff for sites to be removed from the filtered list being approved by the Senior Leadership Team and logged
  - user based filtering used to provide differentiated access for staff and pupils

[2] https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/teachers-and-school-staff/appropriate-filtering-and-monitoring

- filtering issues being reported immediately

- the IT System of the school will be monitored with regard to:

  - the school IT technical support regularly monitoring and recording the activity of users on the school IT systems

  - Online Safety incidents being documented and reported immediately to the Online Safety Lead / Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) who will arrange for these to be dealt with immediately in accordance with school policies

Data Protection

The school's Data Protection Policy provides full details of the requirements that are met in relation to Data Protection regulations.

Use of digital images and sound

Photographs, video and sound recorded within school are used to support learning experiences across the curriculum, to share learning with parents and carers on our school's website and Facebook page to provide information about the school. The school will:

- build a culture where permission is always sought before a photo is taken or video is recorded; including encouraging pupils to seek permission from other pupils to take, use, share, publish or distribute images and sound

- ensure verifiable permission from parents or carers is obtained before images or videos of pupils are electronically published on the school website, on social media or in the local press. The written consent, where pupils' images and video are used for publicity purposes, is kept until the data is no longer in use

- when using digital images, staff educate pupils about the risks associated with the taking, use, sharing, publication and distribution of images including on social networking sites

- allow staff to take images and record video to support educational aims, following the school policy regarding the sharing, distribution and publication of those. School equipment only is used. Personal equipment of staff is not allowed for this purpose

- make sure that images, sound or videos that include pupils will be selected carefully with their knowledge, taking care 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

- make staff and children aware of the risk that any published image, video and sound could be harvested, reused and repurposed

- ensure that pupils' full names will not be used anywhere on the school website, school blogs or within school branded social media, particularly in association with photographs

- not publish pupils' work without their permission and the permission of their parents or carers

- only hold digital/video images on school approved secure storage areas. There is an expectation that images and recordings are not retained longer than necessary and in line with the schools Data Retention Policy

- in accordance with guidance from the Information Commissioner's Office, parents/carers can take videos and digital images or sound recordings of their children at school events for their own personal use. It is made clear that, to respect everyone's privacy and in some

cases protection, these are not to 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 or in the sound recording. We ask parents/carers not to take digital/video images or record sound during an event if it is felt that it would spoil the experience for others. A statement is made before an event as to the expectations of the school

- make clear to professional photographers who are engaged to record any events or provide a service that they must work according to the terms of the settings Online Safety Policy and will sign an agreement which ensures compliance with the Data Protection regulations and that images will only be used for a specific purpose, subject to parental consent. Photographers will not have unsupervised access to children and young people

Communication (including use of Mobile Devices and Social Media)

A wide range of communications technologies increases effective administration and has the potential to enhance learning. The school will:

with respect to email, social media and other online communication tools (e.g. Microsoft Teams)

- ensure that the school uses secure business systems for communication
- ensure that personal information is not sent via unsecure systems
- ensure that governors use secure systems
- ensure that any digital communication between staff and pupils or parents and carers is professional in tone and content
- make users aware that communications will be monitored by the school
- inform users what to do if they receive online communication that makes them feel uncomfortable, is offensive, threatening or bullying in nature
- teach pupils about email and other communication tools alongside safe, healthy appropriate use of technology and online safety issues through the scheme of work and implementation of the AUP
- only publish official staff email addresses where this required
- protect the identities of multiple recipients by using bcc in emails
- control access to social media and social networking sites in school
- support staff in using the school Facebook closed group to share learning experiences and information with parents
- discuss with staff the personal use of email, online learning platforms, social networking, social media and personal publishing sites as part of staff induction, building an understanding of safe and professional behaviour in line with DfE advice, being careful about subjects discussed online
- staff are advised that no reference should be made to pupils, parents/carers or school staff on their personal social networking accounts

- register concerns (e.g. recording in Online Safety log) regarding pupils' inappropriate use of email, social networking, social media and personal publishing sites (in or out of school) and report to the Headteacher, particularly when concerning pupils' underage use of sites

- support staff to deal with the consequences of hurtful or defamatory posts about them online

- inform the staff that in the case of a **Critical Incident** they should not make any comment on social media without the permission of the senior management team

With respect to Online / Remote Learning opportunities please see our Remote Learning Policy and Remote Learning Information.

with respect to social media e.g. YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, blogging and personal publishing

with respect to personal devices ***(including consideration of Keeping Children Safe 2020)***

- inform staff that personal devices should only be used at break and lunchtimes in restricted areas when they are not in contact with pupils, unless they have the permission of the Headteacher (turned off at other times)

- ensure that staff understand that the AUP will apply to the use of their own portable / wearable device for school purposes

- inform staff and visitors that they are not allowed to use personal devices to take photographs or video in school for any purpose without the express permission of SLT

- check any use of a personal device for an education purpose (where permission has been given) only uses the school's internet connection on the school site

- remind all that personal devices should be pin code or fingerprint protected and not discoverable by third parties

- advise staff not to use their personal mobile phone to contact pupils, parents and carers

- provide a mobile phone for activities that require them

- challenge staff and visitors when there is suspected misuse of mobile phones or devices

- when pupils are allowed personal devices in school, they are used within the school's behaviour policy / code of conduct, and pupils understand they can be asked to account for their use

- use the right to collect and examine any pupil device that is suspected of containing offensive, abusive or illegal content or is suspected of causing issues on the school internet connection

The following table shows how the school considers the way these methods of communication should be used.

	Staff & other adults				Pupils			
Communication Technologies	Allowed	Allowed at certain times	Allowed for selecte staff	Not allowed	Allowed	Allowed at certain times	Allowed with staff permission	Not allowed
Mobile phones/wearable technology in school		✔						✔
Use of mobile phones/wearable technology in lessons				✔				✔
Use of mobile phones/wearable technology in social time	✔							✔
Taking photos on mobile phones or other camera devices				✔				✔
Use of personal devices including wearable technology		✔						✔
Use of 'always on' voice activated technology				✔				✔
Use of personal email addresses in school, or on school network		✔						✔
Use of school email for personal emails				✔				✔
Use of chat facilities, forums and closed groups in apps		✔						✔
Use of messaging apps		✔						✔
Use of social networking sites		✔						✔
Use of blogs		✔						✔
Use of Twitter		✔						✔
Use of video broadcasting e.g. YouTube		✔						✔
Use of live video streaming e.g. Microsoft Teams		✔					✔	

Sanctions: Pupils

The 2011 Education Act increased powers with regard to the searching for and of electronic devices and the deletion of data. These are applied through the school's Positive Behaviour Policy and could include referring to the Headteacher, informing parents and removal of some privileges depending on the circumstances.