

## E-Safety Awareness at English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

At English Martyrs we take E-safety very seriously. We aim for all children to become responsible, competent, confident and creative users of information and communication technology.

### E-safety within the curriculum

All the way through school children are taught the importance of safety when using technology:

In nursery and reception class children are taught about different technologies in their homes and school and how to use these safely and carefully.

In key stage one children are taught to use technology respectfully. They learn the importance of keeping personal information private and where to go for help if they have concerns about what they see or hear while playing online. Every two years key stage one partake in an e-safety day that focuses on sharing personal information while playing on the internet and about internet trolls and what to do if they are being bullied or see someone else being bullied online. Every other year, e-safety is taught discretely through various topics and activities, such as using search engines and what to do if they see something that makes them feel uncomfortable.

In key stage two children are taught how to use technology safely and responsibly. They are also taught how to recognise acceptable and unacceptable behaviour and how to report any concerns they have about any online content or contact. Every two years key stage two partake in an e-safety day that focuses on keeping safe while communicating online. It teaches them, through drama, about how to tackle a range of cyber-bullying and internet safety issues. Upper key stage two also receive an additional workshop on online gaming where they learn how to minimise the potential risks and make smart choices when playing games over the internet. Every other year, e-safety is taught discretely through various topics and activities, such as finding, saving and sharing information and images on the internet and through online communications.

Children throughout school also have the opportunity to join computing afterschool clubs throughout the year which also covers: safety when blogging; taking and sharing photos of ourselves and others; and competing with our peers on an online secure area.

### E-safety professional development for staff

Staff are trained annually on key e-safety issues. Technology is constantly changing and so it is vital that staff are kept up to date, not only at the annual workshops but also throughout the year. Staff are updated frequently in staff meetings about current e-safety concerns to be aware of and the head teacher and computing coordinator also send helpful information and updates to the school's e-safety procedures to all staff via email.

### E-safety for parents and carers

We aim to help parents and carers as much as possible when it comes to keeping themselves and their children safe online. Every two years we offer parents a free e-safety session that aims to equip them with the appropriate information for those tricky conversations with their children. It also aims to keep families within school safe online, whilst encouraging healthy use of the internet and the technology that surrounds them.

E-safety tips are also available for parents on our school website with a section on the helpful links page with links and downloads regarding: how to safeguard children's tablets and phones; how to protect their children from trolls; parental controls on devices; and where to go if they need help.

### Future e-safety plans for English Martyrs

Staff will continue to gain CPD experiences annually, ensuring they're kept up to date with current e-safety issues. Children will develop their confidence when handling e-safety issues as they progress through the school with important issues being taught throughout the year and at least one e-safety day every two years.

The school hopes to also move onto social media with accounts to keep parents informed of what's going on in school. E-safety will be at the forefront of all the planning of this, ensuring parents, children and staff are all aware of what is being published and that appropriate permission is granted.

