

Northview Primary School E-Safety and Internet Access Policy

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1. Introduction and Overview

Rationale

The purpose of this policy is to:

- set out the key principles expected of all members of the school community at Northview Primary School with respect to the use of ICT-based technologies.
- safeguard and protect the children and staff of Northview Primary School.
- assist school staff working with children to work safely and responsibly with the Internet and other communication technologies and to monitor their own standards and practice.
- set clear expectations of behaviour and/or codes of practice relevant to responsible use of the Internet for educational, personal or recreational use.
- have clear structures to deal with online abuse such as cyberbullying which are cross referenced with other school policies.
- ensure that all members of the school community are aware that unlawful or unsafe behaviour is unacceptable and that, where appropriate, disciplinary or legal action will be taken.
- minimise the risk of misplaced or malicious allegations made against adults who work with students.

The main areas of risk for our school community though we try to minimise this can be summarised as follows:

Content

- exposure to inappropriate content, including online pornography, ignoring age ratings in games (exposure to violence associated with often racist language)
- hate sites
- content validation: how to check authenticity and accuracy of online content

Contact

- grooming
- cyber-bullying in all forms
- identity theft (including 'frape' (hacking Facebook profiles)) and sharing passwords

Conduct

- privacy issues, including disclosure of personal information
- digital footprint and online reputation
- health and well-being (amount of time spent online (Internet or gaming))
- copyright (little care or consideration for intellectual property and ownership – such as music and film)

Scope (from SWGfL)

This policy applies to all members of Northview Primary School community (including staff, students / pupils, volunteers, parents / carers, visitors, community users) who have access to and are users of school / academy ICT systems, both in and out of Northview Primary School.

The Education and Inspections Act 2006 empowers Headteachers / Principals to such extent as is reasonable, to regulate the behaviour of students when they are off the school site and empowers members of staff to impose disciplinary penalties for inappropriate behaviour. This is pertinent to incidents of cyber-bullying, or other e-safety incidents covered by this policy, which may take place outside of the school / academy, but is linked to membership of the school. The 2011 Education Act increased these powers with regard to the searching for and of electronic devices and the deletion of data (see appendix for template policy). In the case of both acts, action can only be taken over issues covered by the published Behaviour Policy.

The school will deal with such incidents within this policy and associated behaviour and anti-bullying policies and will, where known, inform parents / carers of incidents of inappropriate e-safety behaviour that take place out of school.

Communication:

The policy will be communicated to staff/pupils/community in the following ways:

- Policy to be posted on the school website
- Policy to be part of school induction pack for new staff
- Acceptable use agreements discussed with pupils at the start of each year.
- Acceptable use agreements to be issued to whole school community, usually on entry to the school
- Acceptable use agreements to be held in central location by e-Safety coordinator

Handling complaints:

- The school will take all reasonable precautions to ensure e-safety. However, owing to the international scale and linked nature of Internet content, the availability of mobile technologies and speed of change, it is not possible to guarantee that unsuitable material will never appear on a school computer or mobile device. Neither the school nor the Local Authority can accept liability for material accessed, or any consequences of Internet access.
- Our E-Safety Coordinator acts as first point of contact for any complaint. Any complaint about staff misuse is referred to the Headteacher.
- Complaints of cyberbullying are dealt with in accordance with our Cyber-Bullying Policy. Complaints related to child protection are dealt with in accordance with school / LA child protection procedures.

Review and Monitoring

The e-safety policy is referenced from within other school policies: Computing policy and Safeguarding policy.

- The school has an e-safety coordinator who will be responsible for document ownership, review and updates.
- The e-safety policy will be reviewed annually or when any significant changes occur with regard to the technologies in use within the school
- The e-safety policy has been written by the school e-safety Coordinator and is current and appropriate for its intended audience and purpose.
- There is widespread ownership of the policy and it has been agreed by the SLT and approved by Governors and other stakeholders such as the PTA. All amendments to the school e-safeguarding policy will be discussed in detail with all members of teaching staff.

2. Education and Curriculum

Pupil e-safety curriculum

This school

- Has a clear, progressive e-safety education programme as part of the Computing curriculum. It is built on LGfL e-safeguarding and e-literacy framework for EYFS to Y6. This covers a range of skills and behaviours appropriate to their age and experience, including:
 - to STOP and THINK before they CLICK
 - to develop a range of strategies to evaluate and verify information before accepting its accuracy;
 - to be aware that the author of a web site / page may have a particular bias or purpose and to develop skills to recognise what that may be;
 - to know how to narrow down or refine a search;
 - [for older pupils] to understand how search engines work and to understand that this affects the results they see at the top of the listings;
 - to understand acceptable behaviour when using an online environment / email, i.e. be polite, no bad or abusive language or other inappropriate behaviour; keeping personal information private;
 - to understand how photographs can be manipulated and how web content can attract the wrong sort of attention;
 - to understand why on-line 'friends' may not be who they say they are and to understand why they should be careful in online environments;
 - to understand why they should not post or share detailed accounts of their personal lives, contact information, daily routines, location, photographs and videos and to know how to ensure they have turned-on privacy settings;
 - to understand why they must not post pictures or videos of others without their permission;
 - to know not to download any files – such as music files - without permission;
 - to have strategies for dealing with receipt of inappropriate materials;
 - [for older pupils] to understand why and how some people will 'groom' young people for sexual reasons;
 - To understand the impact of cyberbullying and know how to seek help if they are affected by any form of online bullying.
 - To know how to report any abuse including cyberbullying; and how to seek help if they experience problems when using the Internet and related technologies, i.e. parent or carer, teacher or trusted staff member, or an organisation such as ChildLine or the CLICK CEOP button.

Teachers Role

- Plans Internet use carefully to ensure that it is age-appropriate and supports the learning objectives for specific curriculum areas.
- Will remind students about their responsibilities through an end-user Acceptable Use Policy which every student will sign.
- Model safe and responsible behaviour in their own use of technology during lessons.
- Ensures that when copying materials from the web, staff and pupils understand issues around plagiarism; how to check copyright and also know that they must respect and acknowledge copyright / intellectual property rights;

- Ensures that staff and pupils understand the issues around aspects of the commercial use of the Internet, as age appropriate.

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Staff training

This school

- Ensures staff know how to send or receive sensitive and personal data and understand the requirement to encrypt data where the sensitivity requires data protection;
- Makes regular training available to staff on e-safety issues and the school's e-safety education program (annually);
- Provides, as part of the induction process, all new staff [including those on university/college placement and work experience] with information and guidance on the e-safeguarding policy and the school's Acceptable Use Policies.

Parent awareness and training

This school

- Runs a rolling programme of advice, guidance and training for parents, including:
 - Introduction of the Acceptable Use Agreements to new parents, to ensure that principles of e-safe behaviour are made clear
 - Information leaflets; in school newsletters; on the school web site;
 - demonstrations, practical sessions held at school;
 - suggestions for safe Internet use at home;
 - provision of information about national support sites for parents.

3. Expected Conduct and Incident management

Expected conduct

In this school, all users:

- are responsible for using the school ICT systems in accordance with the relevant Acceptable Use Policy which they will be expected to sign before being given access to school systems. (at KS1 it would be expected that parents/carers would sign on behalf of the pupils.)
- need to understand the importance of misuse or access to inappropriate materials and are aware of the consequences
- need to understand the importance of reporting abuse, misuse or access to inappropriate materials and know how to do so
- should understand the importance of adopting good e-safety practice when using digital technologies out of school and realise that the school's E-Safety Policy covers their actions out of school, if related to their membership of the school
- will be expected to know and understand school policies on the use of mobile phones, digital cameras and hand held devices. They should also know and understand school policies on the taking / use of images and on cyber-bullying

Staff

- are responsible for reading the school's e-safety policy and using the school ICT systems accordingly, including the use of mobile phones, and hand held devices.

Students/Pupils

- should have a good understanding of research skills and the need to avoid plagiarism and uphold copyright regulations

Parents/Carers

- should provide consent for pupils to use the Internet, as well as other technologies, as part of the e-safety acceptable use agreement form at time of their child's entry to the school
- should know and understand what the 'rules of appropriate use' are and what sanctions result from misuse

Incident Management

In this school:

- there is strict monitoring and application of the e-safety policy and a differentiated and appropriate range of sanctions, though the attitudes and behaviour of users are generally positive and there is rarely need to apply sanctions
- all members and its wider community are encouraged to be vigilant in reporting issues, in the confidence that issues will be dealt with quickly and sensitively, through the school's escalation processes.
- support is actively sought from other agencies as needed (e.g. the local authority and regional broadband grid, UK Safer Internet Centre helpline) in dealing with e-safety issues

- monitoring and reporting of e safety incidents takes place and contribute to developments in policy and practice in e-safety within the school. The records are reviewed/audited and reported to the school's senior leaders
- parents / carers are specifically informed of e-safety incidents involving young people for whom they are responsible.
- We will contact the Police if one of our staff or pupils receives online communication that we consider is particularly disturbing or breaks the law

4. Managing the ICT infrastructure

- **Internet access, security (virus protection) and filtering**

This school:

- Has the educational filtered secure broadband connectivity through the LGfL and so connects to the 'private' National Education Network;
- Uses the LGfL Net Sweeper filtering system which blocks sites that fall into categories such as pornography, race hatred, gaming, sites of an illegal nature, etc. All changes to the filtering policy is logged and only available to staff with the approved 'web filtering management' status;
- Uses USO user-level filtering where relevant, thereby closing down or opening up options appropriate to the age / stage of the students;
- Ensures network healthy through use of Sophos anti-virus software (from LGfL) etc. and network set-up so staff and pupils cannot download executable files;
- Uses DfE, LA or LGfL approved systems such as S2S, USO FX, secured email to send personal data over the Internet and uses encrypted devices or secure remote access where staff need to access personal level data off-site;
- Blocks all Chat rooms and social networking sites except those that are part of an educational network or approved Learning Platform;
- Only unblocks other external social networking sites for specific purposes / Internet Literacy lessons;
- Has blocked pupil access to music download or shopping sites – except those approved for educational purposes at a regional or national level, such as Audio Network;
- Uses security time-outs on Internet access where practicable / useful;
- Works in partnership with the LGfL to ensure any concerns about the system are communicated so that systems remain robust and protect students;

- Is vigilant in its supervision of pupils' use at all times, as far as is reasonable, and uses common-sense strategies in learning resource areas where older pupils have more flexible access;
- Ensures all staff and students have signed an acceptable use agreement form and understands that they must report any concerns;
- Ensures pupils only publish within an appropriately secure environment : the school's learning environment/ the London LEARNING PLATFORM/ LGfL secure platforms such as J2Bloggy, etc.
- Requires staff to preview websites before use [where not previously viewed or cached] and encourages use of the school's Learning Platform as a key way to direct students to age / subject appropriate web sites; Plans the curriculum context for Internet use to match pupils' ability, using child-friendly search engines where more open Internet searching is required; e.g. [yahoo for kids](#) or [ask for kids](#) , Google Safe Search ,
- Never allows / Is vigilant when conducting 'raw' image search with pupils e.g. Google image search;

- Informs all users that Internet use is monitored;
 - Informs staff and students that that they must report any failure of the filtering systems directly to the [*system administrator / teacher / person responsible for URL filtering*]. Our system administrator(s) logs or escalates as appropriate to the Technical service provider or LGfL Helpdesk as necessary;
 - Makes clear all users know and understand what the 'rules of appropriate use' are and what sanctions result from misuse – through staff meetings and teaching programme;
 - Provides advice and information on reporting offensive materials, abuse/ bullying etc. available for pupils, staff and parents
 - Immediately refers any material we suspect is illegal to the appropriate authorities – Police – and the LA.
- **Network management (user access, backup)**

This school

- Uses individual, audited log-ins for all users - the London USO system;
- Uses guest accounts occasionally for external or short term visitors for temporary access to appropriate services
- Ensures the Systems Administrator / network manager is up-to-date with LGfL services and policies / requires the Technical Support Provider to be up-to-date with LGfL services and policies;
- Storage of all data within the school will conform to the UK data protection requirements

Pupils and Staff using mobile technology, where storage of data is online, will conform to the [EU data protection directive](#) where storage is hosted within the EU.

To ensure the network is used safely, this school:

- Ensures staff read and sign that they have understood the school's e-safety Policy. Following this, they are set-up with Internet, email access and network access. Online access to service is through a unique, audited username and password. We also provide a different / use the same username and password for access to our school's network;
- Staff access to the schools' management information system is controlled through a separate password for data security purposes;
- We provide pupils with an individual network log-in username. From Year 2 they are also expected to use a personal password;
- All pupils have their own unique username and password which gives them access to the Internet, the Learning Platform and (for older pupils) their own school approved email account;
- We use the London Grid for Learning's Unified Sign-On (USO) system for username and passwords;
- Makes clear that no one should log on as another user and makes clear that pupils should never be allowed to log-on or use teacher and staff logins as these have far less security restrictions and inappropriate use could damage files or the network;

- Has set-up the network with a shared work area for pupils and one for staff. Staff and pupils are shown how to save work and access work from these areas;
- Requires all users to always log off when they have finished working or are leaving the computer unattended;
- Where a user finds a logged-on machine, we require them to always log-off and then log-on again as themselves. [Users needing access to secure data are timed out after 90 minutes and have to re-enter their username and password to re-enter the network.];
- Requests that teachers and pupils do not switch the computers off during the day unless they are unlikely to be used again that day or have completely crashed. We request that they DO switch the computers off at the end of the day.
- Has set-up the network so that users cannot download executable files / programmes;
- Has blocked access to music/media download or shopping sites – except those approved for educational purposes;
- Scans all mobile equipment with anti-virus / spyware before it is connected to the network;
- Makes clear that staff are responsible for ensuring that all equipment that goes home has the anti-virus and spyware software maintained up-to-date and the school provides them with a solution to do so;
- Makes clear that staff are responsible for ensuring that any computer or laptop loaned to them by the school, is used solely to support their professional responsibilities and that they notify the school of any “significant personal use” as defined by HM Revenue & Customs.
- *Makes clear that staff accessing LA systems do so in accordance with any Corporate policies;*
e.g. Borough email or Intranet; finance system, Personnel system etc.
- Maintains equipment to ensure Health and Safety is followed;
e.g. projector filters cleaned by site manager / TA; equipment installed and checked by approved Suppliers / LA electrical engineers
- Has separate curriculum and administration networks, but access to the Management Information System is set-up so as to ensure staff users can only access modules related to their role;
- Ensures that access to the school’s network resources from remote locations by staff is restricted and access is only through school / LA approved systems:
e.g. teachers access their area / a staff shared area for planning documentation via a VPN solution / RAv3 system;
- Does not allow any outside Agencies to access our network remotely except where there is a clear professional need and then access is restricted and is only through approved systems;
e.g. technical support or MIS Support, our Education Welfare Officers accessing attendance data on specific children, parents using a secure portal to access information on their child;

- Provides pupils and staff with access to content and resources through the approved Learning Platform which staff and pupils access using their username and password (their USO username and password);
- Makes clear responsibilities for the daily back up of MIS and finance systems and other important files;
- Has a clear disaster recovery system in place for critical data, that complies with external Audit's requirements;
- Uses the DfE secure s2s website for all CTF files sent to other schools;
- Ensures that all pupil level data or personal data sent over the Internet is encrypted or only sent within the approved secure system in our LA or through USO secure file exchange (USO FX);
- Follows ISP advice on Local Area and Wide Area security matters and firewalls and routers have been configured to prevent unauthorised use of our network;
- Our wireless network has been secured to industry standard Enterprise security level /appropriate standards suitable for educational use;
- All computer equipment is installed professionally and meets health and safety standards;
- Projectors are maintained so that the quality of presentation remains high;
- Reviews the school ICT systems regularly with regard to health and safety and security.

Password policy

- This school makes it clear that staff and pupils must always keep their password private, must not share it with others and must not leave it where others can find it;
- All staff have their own unique username and private passwords to access school systems and the supply staff have their supply login which gives them limited access to the network. Staff are responsible for keeping their password private.
- We require admin staff to use strong passwords for access into our MIS system.
- We require nominated contacts to change their passwords into the LGfL USO admin site, every 90 days.

E-mail

This school

- Provides staff with an email account for their professional use, *London Staffmail* makes clear personal email should be through a separate account;
- Provides *highly restricted (Safe mail) / simulated environments for e-mail with Key Stage 1 pupils*; 2 simple email with students as this has email content control
- Does not publish personal e-mail addresses of pupils or staff on the school website. We use anonymous or group e-mail addresses, for example admin@northview.brent.sch.uk.

- Will contact the Police if one of our staff or pupils receives an e-mail that we consider is particularly disturbing or breaks the law.
- Will ensure that email accounts are maintained and up to date
- Reports messages relating to or in support of illegal activities to the relevant Authority and if necessary to the Police.
- Knows that spam, phishing and virus attachments can make e mails dangerous. We use a number of LGfL-provided technologies to help protect users and systems in the school, including desktop anti-virus product Sophos, plus direct email filtering for viruses, Trojans, pornography, phishing and inappropriate language. LGfL WebScreen2 filtering monitors and protects our Internet access to the World Wide Web.

Pupils:

- Pupils are introduced to, and use e-mail as part of the ICT/Computing scheme of work.
- Pupils are taught about the safety and 'netiquette' of using e-mail both in school and at home i.e. they are taught:
 - not to give out their e-mail address unless it is part of a school managed project or to someone they know and trust and is approved by their teacher or parent/carer;
 - that an e-mail is a form of publishing where the message should be clear, short and concise;
 - that any e-mail sent to an external organisation should be written carefully and authorised before sending, in the same way as a letter written on school headed paper;
 - they must not reveal private details of themselves or others in e-mail, such as address, telephone number, etc.;
 - to 'Stop and Think Before They Click' and not open attachments unless sure the source is safe;
 - that they should think carefully before sending any attachments;
 - embedding adverts is not allowed;
 - that they must immediately tell a teacher / responsible adult if they receive an e-mail which makes them feel uncomfortable, is offensive or bullying in nature;
 - not to respond to malicious or threatening messages;
 - not to delete malicious or threatening e-mails, but to keep them as evidence of bullying;
 - not to arrange to meet anyone they meet through e-mail without having discussed with an adult and taking a responsible adult with them;
 - that forwarding 'chain' e-mail letters is not permitted.
 - Do not open embedded adverts or links in emails. Copy and paste the link into the address bar and then open it.
- Pupils sign the school Agreement Form to say they have read and understood the e-safety rules, including e-mail and we explain how any inappropriate use will be dealt with.

Staff:

- Staff can only use the LA or LGfL e mail systems on the school system
- Staff only use LA or LGfL e-mail systems for professional purposes
- Access in school to external personal e mail accounts is limited
- Admin staff use a 'closed' LA email system called S2S and Egress which is used for LA communications and some 'LA approved' transfers of information ;
- Staff know that e-mail sent to an external organisation must be written carefully, (and may require authorisation), in the same way as a letter written on school headed paper. That it should follow the school 'house-style':
 - the sending of multiple or large attachments should be limited, and may also be restricted by the provider of the service being used;
 - the sending of chain letters is not permitted;
 - embedding adverts is not allowed;
- All staff sign our .school Agreement Form AUP to say they have read and understood the e-safety rules, including e-mail and we explain how any inappropriate use will be dealt with.

School website

- The Headteacher takes overall responsibility to ensure that the website content is accurate and the quality of presentation is maintained;
- Uploading of information is restricted to our website authorisers: head teacher, admin staff and computing staff.
- The school web site complies with the [statutory DfE guidelines for publications](#);
- Most material is the school's own work; where other's work is published or linked to, we credit the sources used and state clearly the author's identity or status;
- The point of contact on the web site is the school address, telephone number and we use a general email contact address, e.g. info@schooladdress or admin@schooladdress. Home information or individual e-mail identities will not be published;
- Photographs published on the web do not have full names attached;
- We do not use pupils' names when saving images in the file names or in the tags when publishing to the school website;
- We do not use embedded geodata in respect of stored images
- We expect all work published on the school website to be approved by the head teacher.

Learning platform

- Uploading of information on the schools' Learning Platform / virtual learning space is shared between different staff members according to their responsibilities e.g. all class teachers upload information in their class areas;
- Photographs and videos uploaded to the schools LEARNING PLATFORM will only be accessible by members of the school community;

- In school, pupils are only able to upload and publish within school approved and closed systems, such as the Learning Platform;

Social networking

- Teachers are instructed not to run social network spaces for student use on a personal basis or to open up their own spaces to their students, but to use the schools' preferred system for such communications.
- The school does not use social networking sites except Skype as required by the computing curriculum. Skype is used by children only during the lesson under constant supervision and the children do not have individual accounts.

School staff will ensure that in private use:

- No reference should be made in social media to students / pupils, parents / carers or school staff
- They do not engage in online discussion on personal matters relating to members of the school community
- Personal opinions should not be attributed to the *school /academy* or local authority
- Security settings on personal social media profiles are regularly checked to minimise risk of loss of personal information.

Video Conferencing

This school

- Only uses the LGfL supported services for video conferencing activity;

CCTV

- We have CCTV in the school as part of our site surveillance for staff and student safety. We will not reveal any recordings (*retained by the Support Provider for 28 days*), without permission except where disclosed to the Police as part of a criminal investigation.

5. Data security: Management Information System access and Data transfer

Strategic and operational practices

At this school:

- The Head Teacher is the Senior Information Risk Officer (SIRO).
- We ensure staff know who to report any incidents where data protection may have been compromised.
- All staff are DBS checked and records are held in a single central record which is accessible by authorised staff only.
- We ensure ALL the following school stakeholders sign an Acceptable Use Agreement form. We have a system so we know who has signed.
 - staff,
 - pupils
 - parentsThis makes clear staffs' responsibilities with regard to data security, passwords and access.
- Headteacher and the admin staff follow LA guidelines for the transfer of any data, such as MIS data or reports of children, to professionals working in the Local Authority or their partners in Children's Services / Family Services, Health, Welfare and Social Services.
- We require that any personal material must be encrypted if the material is to be removed from the school and limit such data removal. We have a secure site for writing reports which is accessed by staff outside the school premises using the secure password.
- School staff with access to setting-up usernames and passwords for email, network access and Learning Platform access are working within the approved system and follow the security processes required by those systems.
- We ask staff to undertaken at least annual house-keeping to review, remove and destroy any digital materials and documents which need no longer be stored.

Technical Solutions

- Staff have secure area on the network (teacher data) to store sensitive documents or photographs.
- We require staff to log-out of systems when leaving their computer, but also enforce lock-out after ninety minutes.
- We use encrypted flash drives if any member of staff has to take any sensitive information off site.
- We use the DfE S2S site to securely transfer CTF pupil data files to other schools.
- We use the Pan-London Admissions system (based on USO FX) to transfer Reception admissions data.
- Staff with access to the Admissions system use a secure password.
- We use RAV3 with its 2-factor authentication for remote access into our systems.

- We use the LGfL secure data transfer system, USOAutoUpdate, for creation of online user accounts for access to broadband services and the London content
- We store any Protect and Restricted written material in lockable storage cabinets in a lockable storage area.
- All servers are in lockable locations and managed by DBS-checked staff.
- We lock any back-up tapes in a secure, fire-proof cabinet. Back-ups are encrypted. No back-up tapes leave the site on mobile devices.
- We dispose of all equipment using a recommended disposal company for disposal of equipment where any protected or restricted data has been held and get a certificate of to say that the equipment has been taken away and recycled.
- Portable equipment loaned by the school (for use by staff at home), where used for any protected data, is disposed of through the same procedure.
- Paper based sensitive information is shredded, using cross cut shredder / collected by secure data disposal service.
- All sensitive data is deleted by the technicians before disposing all equipment.

6. Equipment and Digital Content

Personal mobile phones and mobile devices

- Student mobile phones which are brought into school must be turned off (not placed on silent) and stored out of sight on arrival at school. They must remain turned off and out of sight until the end of the day. Staff members may use their phones during school break times.
All visitors are requested to keep their phones on silent.
- The recording, taking and sharing of images, video and audio on any mobile phone is to be avoided; except where it has been explicitly agreed otherwise by the Headteacher. Such authorised use is to be monitored and recorded. All mobile phone use is to be open to scrutiny and the Headteacher is to be able to withdraw or restrict authorisation for use at any time if it is to be deemed necessary.
- The School reserves the right to search the content of any mobile or handheld devices on the school premises where there is a reasonable suspicion that it may contain undesirable material, including those which promote pornography, violence, radicalisation and bullying. **Staff mobiles or hand held devices may be searched at any time as part of routine monitoring.**
- Where parents or students need to contact each other during the school day, they should do so only through the School's telephone. Staff may use their phones during break times. If a staff member is expecting a personal call they may leave their phone with the school office to answer on their behalf, or seek specific permissions to use their phone at other than their break times.
- Mobile phones and personally-owned devices will not be used in any way during lessons or formal school time. They should be switched off or silent at all times.
- Mobile phones and personally-owned mobile devices brought in to school are the responsibility of the device owner. The school accepts no responsibility for the loss, theft or damage of personally-owned mobile phones or mobile devices.
- Mobile phones and personally-owned devices are not permitted to be used in certain areas within the school site, e.g. changing rooms and toilets.
- Mobile phones will not be used during lessons or formal school time unless as part of an approved and directed curriculum-based activity with consent from a member of staff.
- **The Bluetooth or similar function of a mobile phone should be switched off at all times and not be used to send images or files to other mobile phones.**
- No images or videos should be taken on mobile phones or personally-owned mobile devices without the prior consent of the person or people concerned.

Students' use of personal devices

- Students are not allowed to use personal mobile phones in school and all electronic devices needs to be handed over to the office during school hours.
- If a student breaches the school policy then the phone or device will be confiscated and will be held in a secure place in the school office. Mobile phones and devices will be released to parents or carers in accordance with the school policy.

- If a student needs to contact his or her parents or carers, they will be allowed to use a school phone. Parents are advised not to contact their child via their mobile phone during the school day, but to contact the school office.
- Students should protect their phone numbers by only giving them to trusted friends and family members as mentioned in the e-safety curriculum. Students will be instructed in safe and appropriate use of mobile phones and personally-owned devices and will be made aware of boundaries and consequences.

Staff use of personal devices

- Staff handheld devices, including mobile phones and personal cameras must be noted in school – name, make & model, serial number. Any permitted images or files taken in school must be downloaded from the device and deleted in school before the end of the day.
- Staff are not permitted to use their own mobile phones or devices for contacting children, young people or their families within or outside of the setting in a professional capacity.
- Staff will be issued with a school phone where contact with students, parents or carers is required.
- Mobile Phones and personally-owned devices will be switched off or switched to 'silent' mode. Bluetooth communication should be 'hidden' or switched off and mobile phones or personally-owned devices will not be used during teaching periods unless permission has been granted by a member of the senior leadership team in emergency circumstances.
- If a member of staff breaches the school policy then disciplinary action may be taken.
- Where staff members are required to use a mobile phone for school duties, for instance in case of emergency during off-site activities, or for contacting students or parents, then a school mobile phone will be provided and used. In an emergency where a staff member doesn't have access to a school-owned device, they should use their own device and hide (by inputting 141) their own mobile number for confidentiality purposes.

Digital images and video

In this school:

- We gain parental / carer permission for use of digital photographs or video involving their child as part of the school agreement form when their daughter / son joins the school;
- We do not identify pupils in online photographic materials or include the full names of pupils in the credits of any published school produced video materials / DVDs;
- Staff sign the school's Acceptable Use Policy and this includes a clause on the use of mobile phones / personal equipment for taking pictures of pupils;
- If specific pupil photos (not group photos) are used on the school web site, in the prospectus or in other high profile publications the school will obtain individual parental or pupil permission for its long term use
- The school blocks/filter access to social networking sites or newsgroups unless there is a specific approved educational purpose;

- Pupils are taught about how images can be manipulated in their e-safety education programme and also taught to consider how to publish for a wide range of audiences which might include governors, parents or younger children as part of their Digital Literacy;
- Pupils are advised to be very careful about placing any personal photos on any 'social' online network space. They are taught to understand the need to maintain privacy settings so as not to make public, personal information.
- Pupils are taught that they should not post images or videos of others without their permission. We teach them about the risks associated with providing information with images (including the name of the file), that reveals the identify of others and their location, such as house number, street name or school. We teach them about the need to keep their data secure and what to do if they are subject to bullying or abuse.

Asset disposal


Details of all school-owned hardware will be recorded in an Asset Register.


Details of all school-owned software will be recorded in a software inventory.

All redundant equipment will be disposed of through an authorised agency. This will include a written receipt for the item including an acceptance of responsibility for the destruction of any personal data.

All redundant equipment that may have held personal data will have the storage media forensically wiped. Alternatively, if the storage media has failed, it will be physically destroyed. The school will only use authorised companies who will supply a written guarantee that this will happen

Disposal of any equipment will conform to [The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2006](#) and/or [The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment \(Amendment\) Regulations 2007](#). [Further information](#) can be found on the Environment Agency website.

Signed  (Head teacher) Dated 28/11/17

Signed  (Chair of governors) Dated 28/11/17