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COMPUTING AND INTERNET SAFETY POLICY

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Rationale

The Schools are committed to promoting and safeguarding the welfare and protection of staff and pupils. This is a fundamental human right and critical to the development of all pupils in order to lead a fulfilling and successful life. We understand children are born into a digital age and must be competent with the use of ICT. Computing lessons are therefore taught in line with the National Curriculum using a range of software and hardware such as Beebots, Alice, Scratch, tablets and Microsoft Office. As well as the children's safety in the real world, we take the education of Internet safety extremely seriously and as such teach it through all subjects where Internet use plays a part.

Statement of Intent

- To ensure all staff are aware of the need to safeguard children and themselves online
- To ensure all staff understand their responsibilities in identifying and reporting safeguarding issues both in Computing lessons but also in relation to incidents occurring outside of school (where appropriate)
- To ensure that staff understand their shared responsibility to secure any sensitive information used in their day to day professional duties
- To ensure that the school gives all staff their own email account to use for all school business as a work based tool
- To ensure that all stakeholders are aware of their responsibility to keep their passwords secure
- To ensure E-safety incidents are properly logged and dealt with
- To ensure all pupils are taught how to stay safe online, use ICT safely and who to talk to if they feel upset or worried about something that has happened online

Strategies

- To provide training for all staff members that gives them the knowledge of responsible mobile technology and Internet use within school and the confidence to deal with Internet safety issues as they arise.
- Ensure the use of reporting and confidentiality procedures
- Ensure the school has a designated staff member who is able to advise on the consequences of any Internet safety issue
- Involve the Police and engage with national initiatives such as Safer Internet Day to ensure where possible parents and carers feel equipped to safeguard their children's Internet use at home.

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