



Churchill CEVC Primary School

Online Safety (E-Safety) Policy

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1. Aims

Our school aims to:

- Have robust processes in place to ensure the online safety of pupils, staff, volunteers and governors
- Deliver an effective approach to online safety, which empowers us to protect and educate the whole school community in its use of technology
- Establish clear mechanisms to identify, intervene and escalate an incident, where appropriate

2. Legislation and guidance

This policy is based on the Department for Education’s (DfE) statutory safeguarding guidance, [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#), and its advice for schools on:

- [Teaching online safety in schools](#)
- [Preventing and tackling bullying](#) and [cyber-bullying: advice for headteachers and school staff](#)
- [Relationships and sex education](#)

› [Searching, screening and confiscation](#)

It also refers to the Department's guidance on [protecting children from radicalisation](#).

It reflects existing legislation, including but not limited to the [Education Act 1996](#) (as amended), the [Education and Inspections Act 2006](#) and the [Equality Act 2010](#). In addition, it reflects the [Education Act 2011](#), which has given teachers stronger powers to tackle cyber-bullying by, if necessary, searching for and deleting inappropriate images or files on pupils' electronic devices where they believe there is a 'good reason' to do so.

3. Roles and responsibilities

3.1 The governing board

The governing board has overall responsibility for monitoring this policy and holding the headteacher to account for its implementation.

The governing board will co-ordinate regular meetings with appropriate staff to discuss online safety, and monitor online safety logs as provided by the designated safeguarding lead (DSL).

All governors will:

- › Ensure that they have read and understand this policy
- › Agree and adhere to the terms on acceptable use of the school's ICT systems and the internet (appendix 3)

3.2 The headteacher

The headteacher is responsible for ensuring that staff understand this policy, and that it is being implemented consistently throughout the school.

3.3 The designated safeguarding lead

Details of the school's DSL and deputies are set out in our child protection and safeguarding policy as well as relevant job descriptions.

The E-Safety Lead takes lead responsibility for online safety in school, in particular:

- › Supporting the headteacher in ensuring that staff understand this policy and that it is being implemented consistently throughout the school
- › Working with the headteacher, ICT manager and other staff, as necessary, to address any online safety issues or incidents
- › Ensuring that any online safety incidents are logged (see appendix 5) and dealt with appropriately in line with this policy
- › Ensuring that any incidents of cyber-bullying are logged and dealt with appropriately in line with the school behaviour policy
- › Updating and delivering staff training on online safety (appendix 4 contains a self-audit for staff on online safety training needs)
- › Liaising with other agencies and/or external services if necessary
- › Providing regular reports on online safety in school to the headteacher and/or governing board

This list is not intended to be exhaustive.

3.4 The ICT manager (At Churchill CE Primary School – this role is held by 2 IT Systems)

The ICT manager is responsible for:

- › Putting in place appropriate filtering and monitoring systems, which are updated on a regular basis and keep pupils safe from potentially harmful and inappropriate content and contact online while at school, including terrorist and extremist material

- › Ensuring that the school's ICT systems are secure and protected against viruses and malware, and that such safety mechanisms are updated regularly
- › Conducting a full security check and monitoring the school's ICT systems on a regular basis
- › Blocking access to potentially dangerous sites and, where possible, preventing the downloading of potentially dangerous files
- › Ensuring that any online safety incidents are logged (see appendix 5) and the school E-Safety Lead and Headteacher are aware in order to ensure they are dealt with appropriately in line with this policy
- › Ensuring that any incidents of cyber-bullying are reported to the school E-Safety Lead and Headteacher in order that they are dealt with appropriately in line with the school behaviour policy

This list is not intended to be exhaustive.

3.5 All staff and volunteers

All staff, including contractors and agency staff, and volunteers are responsible for:

- › Maintaining an understanding of this policy
- › Implementing this policy consistently
- › Agreeing and adhering to the terms on acceptable use of the school's ICT systems and the internet (appendix 3), and ensuring that pupils follow the school's terms on acceptable use (appendices 1 and 2)
- › Working with the E-Safety Lead to ensure that any online safety incidents are logged (see appendix 5) and dealt with appropriately in line with this policy
- › Ensuring that any incidents of cyber-bullying are dealt with appropriately in line with the school behaviour policy

This list is not intended to be exhaustive.

3.6 Parents

Parents are expected to:

- › Notify a member of staff or the headteacher of any concerns or queries regarding this policy
- › Ensure their child has read, understood and agreed to the terms on acceptable use of the school's ICT systems and internet (appendices 1 and 2)

Parents can seek further guidance on keeping children safe online from the following organisations and websites:

- › What are the issues? - [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- › Hot topics - [Childnet International](#)
- › Parent factsheet - [Childnet International](#)

3.7 Visitors and members of the community

Visitors and members of the community who use the school's ICT systems or internet will be made aware of this policy, when relevant, and expected to read and follow it. If appropriate, they will be expected to agree to the terms on acceptable use (appendix 3).

4. Educating pupils about online safety

Pupils will be taught about online safety as part of the curriculum:

In **Key Stage 1**, pupils will be taught to:

- › Use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private
- › Identify where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the internet or other online technologies

Pupils in **Key Stage 2** will be taught to:

- › Use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly
- › Recognise acceptable and unacceptable behaviour
- › Identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact

By the **end of primary school**, pupils will know:

- › That people sometimes behave differently online, including by pretending to be someone they are not.
- › That the same principles apply to online relationships as to face-to-face relationships, including the importance of respect for others online including when we are anonymous
- › The rules and principles for keeping safe online, how to recognise risks, harmful content and contact, and how to report them
- › How to critically consider their online friendships and sources of information including awareness of the risks associated with people they have never met
- › How information and data is shared and used online
- › How to respond safely and appropriately to adults they may encounter (in all contexts, including online) whom they do not know

The safe use of social media and the internet will also be covered in other subjects where relevant.

The school will use services to raise pupils' awareness of the dangers that can be encountered online and may also invite speakers to talk to pupils about this.

5. Educating parents about online safety

The school will raise parents' awareness of internet safety in letters or other communications home, and in information via our website. This policy will also be shared with parents.

Online safety will also be covered during parents' evenings.

If parents have any queries or concerns in relation to online safety, these should be raised in the first instance with their child's class teacher and if required the school Learning Mentor or headteacher..

Concerns or queries about this policy can be raised with any member of staff or the headteacher.

6. Cyber-bullying

6.1 Definition

Cyber-bullying takes place online, such as through social networking sites, messaging apps or gaming sites. Like other forms of bullying, it is the repetitive, intentional harming of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. (See also the school behaviour policy.)

6.2 Preventing and addressing cyber-bullying

To help prevent cyber-bullying, we will ensure that pupils understand what it is and what to do if they become aware of it happening to them or others. We will ensure that pupils know how they can report any incidents and are encouraged to do so, including where they are a witness rather than the victim.

The school will actively discuss cyber-bullying with pupils, explaining the reasons why it occurs, the forms it may take and what the consequences can be. Class teachers will discuss cyber-bullying with their classes and the issue will be addressed in whole school services.

Teaching staff are also encouraged to find opportunities to use aspects of the curriculum to cover cyber-bullying. This includes personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education, and other subjects where appropriate.

All staff, governors and volunteers (where appropriate) receive training on cyber-bullying, its impact and ways to support pupils, as part of safeguarding training (see section 11 for more detail).

The school also sends information/leaflets on cyber-bullying to parents so that they are aware of the signs, how to report it and how they can support children who may be affected.

In relation to a specific incident of cyber-bullying, the school will follow the processes set out in the school behaviour policy. Where illegal, inappropriate or harmful material has been spread among pupils, the school will use all reasonable endeavours to ensure the incident is contained.

The DSL will consider whether the incident should be reported to the police if it involves illegal material, and will work with external services if it is deemed necessary to do so.

6.3 Examining electronic devices

School staff have the specific power under the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (which has been increased by the Education Act 2011) to search for and, if necessary, delete inappropriate images or files on pupils' electronic devices, including mobile phones, iPads and other tablet devices, where they believe there is a 'good reason' to do so.

When deciding whether there is a good reason to examine or erase data or files on an electronic device, staff must reasonably suspect that the data or file in question has been, or could be, used to:

- Cause harm, and/or
- Disrupt teaching, and/or
- Break any of the school rules

If inappropriate material is found on the device, it is up to the staff member in conjunction with the DSL or other member of the senior leadership team to decide whether they should:

- Delete that material, or
- Retain it as evidence (of a criminal offence or a breach of school discipline), and/or
- Report it to the police

Any searching of pupils will be carried out in line with the DfE's latest guidance on [screening, searching and confiscation](#).

Any complaints about searching for or deleting inappropriate images or files on pupils' electronic devices will be dealt with through the school complaints procedure.

7. Acceptable use of the internet in school

All pupils, parents, staff, volunteers and governors are expected to sign an agreement regarding the acceptable use of the school's ICT systems and the internet (appendices 1-3). Visitors will be expected to read and agree to the school's terms on acceptable use if relevant.

Use of the school's internet must be for educational purposes only, or for the purpose of fulfilling the duties of an individual's role.

We will monitor the websites visited by pupils, staff, volunteers, governors and visitors (where relevant) to ensure they comply with the above.

More information is set out in the acceptable use agreements in appendices 1, 2 and 3.

7.1 Email

- Staff and pupils may only use official school email accounts on the school system. Personal email accounts are not to be used.
- All emails sent must be professional in tone and content
- Personal email accounts must not be used for communication between staff and students or parent/carers
- Personal information (as defined in the Personal Data and Information Sharing Policy) must not be emailed to external email addresses from school email accounts as it is not secure.
- Secure email must be used when sending or sharing personal data and information (as defined in the Personal Data and Information Sharing Policy).
- Personal information must not be emailed from staff to the official school email address and vice versa, as it is not secure

- Pupils must have adult supervision whilst using email
- Pupils must immediately tell a teacher if they receive offensive email
- Pupils must not reveal personal details of themselves or others in email communication (such as address or telephone number). Pupils must not arrange to meet anyone without specific permission.
- Email sent to an external organisation should be written carefully and authorised by a member of staff before sending
- The forwarding of chain letters is not permitted
- Pupils will be made aware that the writer of an email (or the author of a web page) may not be the person claimed

7.2 Social Networking

All schools and local authorities have a duty of care to provide a safe learning environment for pupils and staff. Schools and local authorities could be held responsible, indirectly for acts of their employees in the course of their employment. Staff members who harass, cyber bully, discriminate on the grounds of sex, race or disability or who defame a third party may render the school or local authority liable to the injured party. Reasonable steps to prevent predictable harm must be in place.

The school provides the following measures to ensure reasonable steps are in place to minimise risk of harm to pupils, staff and the school through limiting access to personal information:

- Training to include: acceptable use; social media risks; checking of settings; data protection; reporting issues
- Clear reporting guidance, including responsibilities, procedures and sanctions
- Risk assessment, including legal risk School staff should ensure that:
 - No reference should be made in social media to 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 or local authority
 - Security settings on personal social media profiles are regularly checked to minimise risk of loss of personal information.
 - Raise any concerns that any colleague(s) is/are not acting in accordance with this Policy with the Headteacher
 - Use their professional judgment and, where no specific guidance exists, take the most prudent action possible and consult with the Headteacher if they are unsure
 - Co-operate with management in ensuring the implementation of this policy
 - Keep a professional distance from pupils and ensure a clear separation of the private social lives of workers at the school and those of pupils.

The school's use of social media for professional purposes will be checked regularly by the senior risk officer and online committee to ensure compliance with the Social Media, Data Protection, Communications, Digital Image and Video Policies.

7.3 School Website

- The point of contact on the website should be the school address, email and telephone number. Staff or pupils' personal information will not be published.
- Website photographs that include pupils will be selected carefully and will only be published with parental permission
- Pupils' full names will not be used anywhere on the website, particularly in association with photographs
- The Headteacher will delegate editorial responsibility to the School Bursar/Administration support, to ensure that content is accurate, and quality of presentation is maintained

8. Pupils and Adults using mobile devices in school

Pupils should not bring mobile devices into school. Under exceptional circumstances, where a device needs to be brought into school, it should be handed into the office on arrival in school and collected at the end of the day.

Any use of mobile devices in school by pupils must be in line with the acceptable use agreement (see appendices 1 and 2).

Any breach of the acceptable use agreement by a pupil may trigger disciplinary action in line with the school behaviour policy, which may result in the confiscation of their device.

Pupils:

- Mobile phones, tablets, portable electronic games and media players brought into school by pupils must be handed-in to the class teacher, unless the Headteacher has given permission.
- If children have to bring mobile phones into school for a specific reason such as needing it to walk home after school. Then it will need to be stored in a locked cupboard in the school office.
- If a pupil is found to be in possession of one of these electronic devices, the Education Act 2012 gives authorised staff the right to search for such devices (in accordance with school policies) where they reasonably suspect that the data or files on the device in question has been, or could be, used to cause harm, to disrupt teaching or break the school rules
- The sending of abusive or inappropriate text messages is forbidden

Staff/Visitors/Students/Volunteers/Contractors:

- Use of personal devices in school such as computers, tablets and any other device with the functionality to take pictures, videos or make sound recordings, is not permitted in the presence of pupils.
- Staff/Visitors/Students/Volunteers/Contractors may only use personal mobile phones in designated areas.

These areas are...

- School offices
- The staff room (not the outside courtyard if children are present)
- The car park
- Outside School entrance
- Or a room that has been designated as a meeting room for a specific period – as agreed by the headteacher.

During wider community events, assemblies and open morning/afternoons, parents/carers and visitors are not permitted to take photographs using their own personal mobile phones or other camera devices or use mobile phones, unless permission has been given from the Headteacher.

- Use of personal mobile phones in school must be within the ICT Acceptable Usage Agreement
- Mobile devices must be kept locked in lockers or cupboards.
- Staff/Visitors/Students/Volunteers/Contractors must not keep or use personal mobile phones in view of children
- Staff/Visitors/Students/Volunteers/Contractors must not use personal mobile phones in the vicinity of children (eg if there are pupils in the staff room or offices)
- The sending of abusive or inappropriate text messages is forbidden
- Staff/Visitors/Students/Volunteers/Contractors must not use personal devices to take images of children
- Staff/Visitors/Students/Volunteers/Contractors must not use personal devices to take any images, video or sound recordings in school
- Staff/Visitors/Students/Volunteers/Contractors must not use school devices to take inappropriate images of children or images of children in non-designated areas (non-designated areas include toilets and any area where children are changing)

- Staff/Visitors/Students/Volunteers are allowed to take digital photographs and video images to support educational aims, but follow guidance in the ICT Acceptable Usage Agreement for Staff and Community Users concerning the taking, sharing, distribution and publication of those images
- Text messaging must not be used for communication between staff and parents unless specific written permission has been obtained from the Headteacher
- Staff who are issued with iPads must sign the appropriate agreement
- All staff have read and agreed to the principles of 'Safer Working Practice'
- Members of staff who have requested to bring their own device to work for school use, have done so with agreement from the headteacher and full knowledge of the school technical support engineer, they adhere to the acceptable use and data protection policies

9. Staff using work devices outside school

Staff members using a work device outside school must not install any unauthorised software on the device and must not use the device in any way which would violate the school's terms of acceptable use, as set out in appendix 3.

Staff must ensure that their work device is secure and password-protected, and that they do not share their password with others. They must take all reasonable steps to ensure the security of their work device when using it outside school. Any USB devices containing data relating to the school must be encrypted.

If staff have any concerns over the security of their device, they must seek advice from the ICT manager.

Work devices must be used solely for work activities.

Where a member of staff uses a personal device for work purposes they should use Remote Desktop to ensure that no work related data can be stored on personal devices.

10. How the school will respond to issues of misuse

Where a pupil misuses the school's ICT systems or internet, we will follow the procedures set out in our policies on ICT and internet acceptable use and guidance from the SWGL (indicators are suggested at the end of this policy). The action taken will depend on the individual circumstances, nature and seriousness of the specific incident, and will be proportionate.

Where a staff member misuses the school's ICT systems or the internet, or misuses a personal device where the action constitutes misconduct, the matter will be dealt with in accordance with the staff disciplinary procedures/staff code of conduct. The action taken will depend on the individual circumstances, nature and seriousness of the specific incident.

The school will consider whether incidents which involve illegal activity or content, or otherwise serious incidents, should be reported to the police.

11. Training

All new staff members will receive training, as part of their induction, on safe internet use and online safeguarding issues including cyber-bullying and the risks of online radicalisation.

All staff members will receive refresher training at least once each academic year as part of safeguarding training, as well as relevant updates as required (for example through emails, e-bulletins and staff meetings).

The DSL and deputies will undertake child protection and safeguarding training, which will include online safety, at least every 2 years. They will also update their knowledge and skills on the subject of online safety at regular intervals, and at least annually.

Governors will receive training on safe internet use and online safeguarding issues as part of their safeguarding training.

Volunteers will receive appropriate training and updates, if applicable.

More information about safeguarding training is set out in our child protection and safeguarding policy.

12. Monitoring arrangements

The DSL logs behaviour and safeguarding issues related to online safety. An incident report log can be found in appendix 5.

This policy will be reviewed every 2 years by the Curriculum and Standards Committee. At every review, the policy will be shared with the governing board.

13. Links with other policies

This online safety policy is linked to our:

- Child protection and safeguarding policy
- Behaviour policy
- Staff disciplinary procedures
- Data protection policy and privacy notices
- Complaints procedure
- ICT and internet acceptable use policy



Appendix 1: EYFS and KS1 acceptable use agreement (pupils and parents/carers)

CHURCHILL C.E.V.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL

ACCEPTABLE USE OF THE SCHOOL'S ICT SYSTEMS AND INTERNET: AGREEMENT FOR PUPILS AND PARENTS/CARERS

Name of pupil:

When I use the school's ICT systems (like computers) and get onto the internet in school I will:

- Ask a teacher or adult if I can do so before using them
- Only use websites that a teacher or adult has told me or allowed me to use
- Tell my teacher immediately if:
 - I click on a website by mistake
 - I receive messages from people I don't know
 - I find anything that may upset or harm me or my friends
- Use school computers for school work only
- I will be kind to others and not upset or be rude to them
- Look after the school ICT equipment and tell a teacher straight away if something is broken or not working properly
- Only use the username and password I have been given
- Try my hardest to remember my username and password
- Never share my password with anyone, including my friends.
- Never give my personal information (my name, address or telephone numbers) to anyone without the permission of my teacher or parent/carer
- Save my work on the school network
- Check with my teacher before I print anything
- Log off or shut down a computer when I have finished using it

I agree that the school will monitor the websites I visit and that there will be consequences if I don't follow the rules.

Signed (pupil):

Date:

Parent/carer agreement: I agree that my child can use the school's ICT systems and internet when appropriately supervised by a member of school staff. I agree to the conditions set out above for pupils using the school's ICT systems and internet, and for using personal electronic devices in school, and will make sure my child understands these.

Signed (parent/carer):

Date:



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Appendix 2: KS2, acceptable use agreement (pupils and parents/carers)

CHURCHILL C.E.V.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL

ACCEPTABLE USE OF THE SCHOOL'S ICT SYSTEMS AND INTERNET: AGREEMENT FOR PUPILS AND PARENTS/CARERS

Name of pupil:

I will read and follow the rules in the acceptable use agreement policy

When I use the school's ICT systems (like computers) and get onto the internet in school I will:

- Always use the school's ICT systems and the internet responsibly and for educational purposes only
- Only use them when a teacher is present, or with a teacher's permission
- Keep my username and passwords safe and not share these with others
- Keep my private information safe at all times and not give my name, address or telephone number to anyone without the permission of my teacher or parent/carer
- Tell a teacher (or sensible adult) immediately if I find any material which might upset, distress or harm me or others
- Always log off or shut down a computer when I'm finished working on it

I will not:

- Access any inappropriate websites including: social networking sites, chat rooms and gaming sites unless my teacher has expressly allowed this as part of a learning activity
- Open any attachments in emails, or follow any links in emails, without first checking with a teacher
- Use any inappropriate language when communicating online, including in emails
- Log in to the school's network using someone else's details
- Arrange to meet anyone offline without first consulting my parent/carer, or without adult supervision

I agree that the school will monitor the websites I visit and that there will be consequences if I don't follow the rules.

Signed (pupil):

Date:

Parent/carer's agreement: I agree that my child can use the school's ICT systems and internet when appropriately supervised by a member of school staff. I agree to the conditions set out above for pupils using the school's ICT systems and internet, and for using personal electronic devices in school, and will make sure my child understands these.

Signed (parent/carer):

Date:



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Appendix 3: acceptable use agreement (staff, governors, volunteers a visitors)

CHURCHILL C.E.V.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL

ACCEPTABLE USE OF THE SCHOOL'S ICT SYSTEMS AND INTERNET: AGREEMENT FOR STAFF, GOVERNORS, VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS

Name of staff member/governor/volunteer/visitor:

When using the school's ICT systems and accessing the internet in school, or outside school on a work device (if applicable), I will not:

- Access, or attempt to access inappropriate material, including but not limited to material of a violent, criminal or pornographic nature (or create, share, link to or send such material)
- Use them in any way which could harm the school's reputation
- Access social networking sites or chat rooms
- Use any improper language when communicating online, including in emails or other messaging services
- Install any unauthorised software, or connect unauthorised hardware or devices to the school's network
- Share my password with others or log in to the school's network using someone else's details
- Take photographs of pupils without checking with teachers first
- Share confidential information about the school, its pupils or staff, or other members of the community
- Access, modify or share data I'm not authorised to access, modify or share
- Promote private businesses, unless that business is directly related to the school

I will only use the school's ICT systems and access the internet in school, or outside school on a work device, for educational purposes or for the purpose of fulfilling the duties of my role.

I agree that the school will monitor the websites I visit and my use of the school's ICT facilities and systems.

I will take all reasonable steps to ensure that work devices are secure and password-protected when using them outside school, and keep all data securely stored in accordance with this policy and the school's data protection policy.

I will let the designated safeguarding lead (DSL) and ICT manager know if a pupil informs me they have found any material which might upset, distress or harm them or others, and will also do so if I encounter any such material.

I will always use the school's ICT systems and internet responsibly, and ensure that pupils in my care do so too.

Signed (staff member/governor/volunteer/visitor):

Date:



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Appendix 4: online safety training needs – self audit for staff

ONLINE SAFETY TRAINING NEEDS AUDIT	
Name of staff member/volunteer:	Date:
Question	Yes/No (add comments if necessary)
Do you know the name of the person who has lead responsibility for online safety in school?	
Do you know what you must do if a pupil approaches you with a concern or issue?	
Are you familiar with the school's acceptable use agreement for staff, volunteers, governors and visitors?	
Are you familiar with the school's acceptable use agreement for pupils and parents?	
Do you regularly change your password for accessing the school's ICT systems?	
Are you familiar with the school's approach to tackling cyber-bullying?	
Are there any areas of online safety in which you would like training/further training?	

Appendix 5: online safety incident report log

ONLINE SAFETY INCIDENT LOG				
Date	Where the incident took place	Description of the incident	Action taken	Name and signature of staff member recording the incident

Guidance relating to online activities

User Actions

		Acceptable	Acceptable at certain times	Acceptable for nominated users	Unacceptable	Unacceptable and illegal
Users shall not visit Internet sites, make, post, download, upload, data transfer, communicate or pass on, material, remarks, proposals or comments that contain or relate to:	Child sexual abuse images –The making, production or distribution of indecent images of children. Contrary to The Protection of Children Act 1978					X
	Grooming, incitement, arrangement or facilitation of sexual acts against children Contrary to the Sexual Offences Act 2003.					X
	Possession of an extreme pornographic image (grossly offensive, disgusting or otherwise of an obscene character) Contrary to the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008					X
	Criminally racist material in UK – to stir up religious hatred (or hatred on the grounds of sexual orientation) - contrary to the Public Order Act 1986					X
	Pornography				X	
	Promotion of any kind of discrimination				X	
	threatening behaviour, including promotion of physical violence or mental harm				X	
	Promotion of extremism or terrorism				X	
	Any other information which may be offensive to colleagues or breaches the integrity of the ethos of the school or brings the school into disrepute				X	
Using school systems to run a private business				X		
Using systems, applications, websites or other mechanisms that bypass the filtering or other safeguards employed by the school / academy				X		
Infringing copyright				X		
Revealing or publicising confidential or proprietary information (eg financial / personal information, databases, computer / network access codes and passwords)				X		
Creating or propagating computer viruses or other harmful files				X		
Unfair usage (downloading / uploading large files that hinders others in their use of				X		

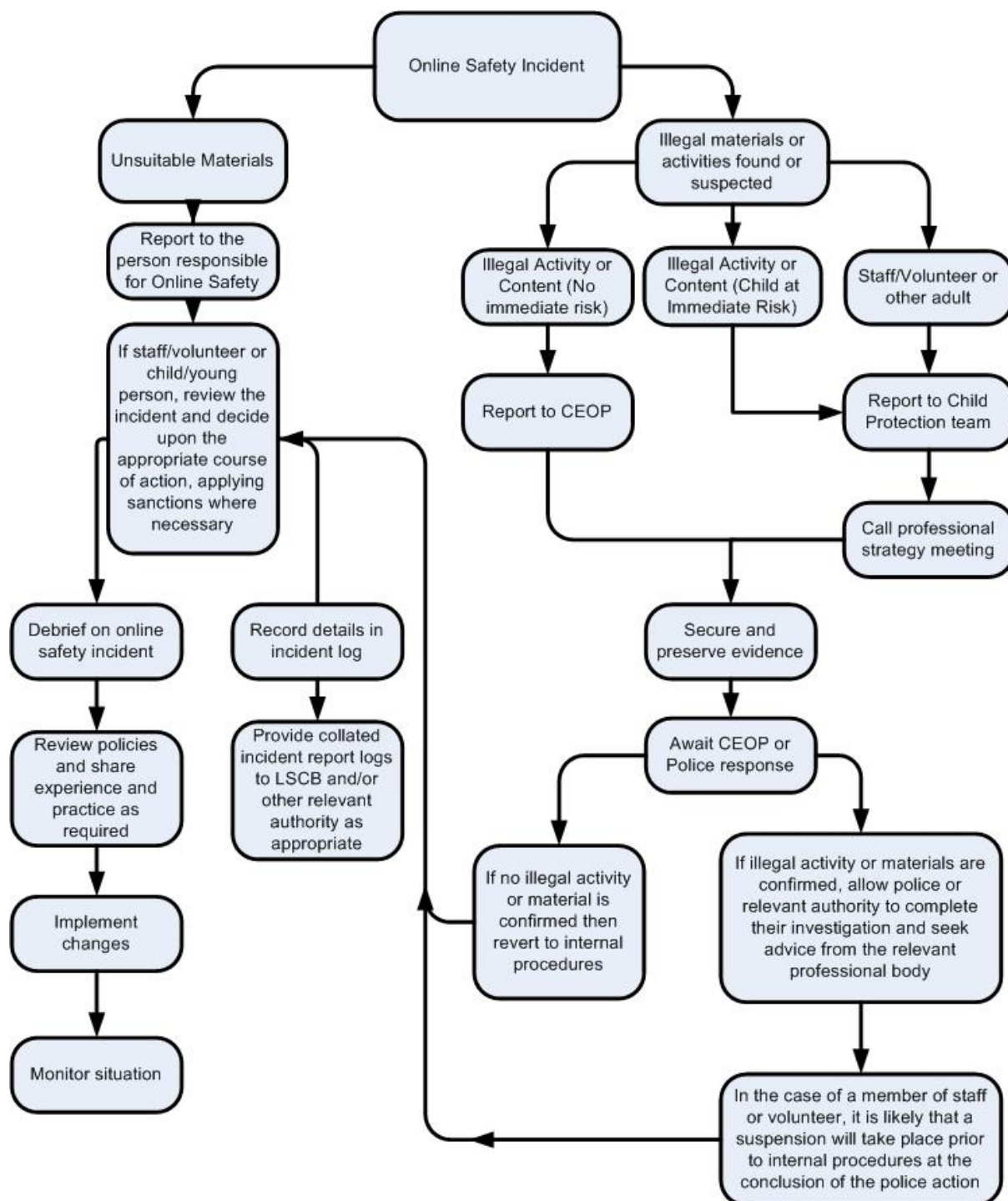
User Actions

	Acceptable	Acceptable at certain times	Acceptable for nominated users	Unacceptable	Unacceptable and illegal
the internet)					
On-line gaming (educational)					
On-line gaming (non-educational)		X			
On-line gambling				X	
On-line shopping / commerce		X			
File sharing		X			
Use of social media		X			
Use of messaging apps		X			
Use of video broadcasting e.g. Youtube		X			

Responding to incidents of misuse

Illegal Incidents

If there is any suspicion that the web site(s) concerned may contain child abuse images, or if there is any other suspected illegal activity, refer to the right hand side of the Flowchart (below and appendix) for responding to online safety incidents and report immediately to the police.



Other Incidents

It is hoped that all members of the school / academy community will be responsible users of digital technologies, who understand and follow school / academy policy. However, there may be times when infringements of the policy could take place, through careless or irresponsible or, very rarely, through deliberate misuse.

In the event of suspicion, all steps in this procedure should be followed:

- Have more than one senior member of staff involved in this process. This is vital to protect individuals if accusations are subsequently reported.
- Conduct the procedure using a designated computer that will not be used by young people and if necessary can be taken off site by the police should the need arise. Use the same computer for the duration of the procedure.
- It is important to ensure that the relevant staff should have appropriate internet access to conduct the procedure, but also that the sites and content visited are closely monitored and recorded (to provide further protection).
- Record the URL of any site containing the alleged misuse and describe the nature of the content causing concern. It may also be necessary to record and store screenshots of the content on the machine being used for investigation. These may be printed, signed and attached to the form (except in the case of images of child sexual abuse – see below)
- Once this has been completed and fully investigated the group will need to judge whether this concern has substance or not. If it does then appropriate action will be required and could include the following:
 - Internal response or discipline procedures
 - Involvement by Local Authority / Academy Group or national / local organisation (as relevant).
 - Police involvement and/or action
- **If content being reviewed includes images of child abuse then the monitoring should be halted and referred to the Police immediately. Other instances to report to the police would include:**
 - incidents of 'grooming' behaviour
 - the sending of obscene materials to a child
 - adult material which potentially breaches the Obscene Publications Act
 - criminally racist material
 - promotion of terrorism or extremism
 - other criminal conduct, activity or materials
- **Isolate the computer in question as best you can. Any change to its state may hinder a later police investigation.**

It is important that all of the above steps are taken as they will provide an evidence trail for the *school / academy* and possibly the police and demonstrate that visits to these sites were carried out for safeguarding purposes. The completed form should be retained by the group for evidence and reference purposes.

SWGL guidance on School Actions & Sanctions

Students / Pupils Incidents

Any incidents will be dealt with as soon as possible in a proportionate manner. It is intended that incidents of misuse will be dealt with through normal behaviour / disciplinary procedures as follows:

	Refer to class teacher	Refer to E-Safety Lead or SLT	Refer to Headteacher	Refer to Police	Refer to technical support staff for action re filtering / security etc.	Inform parents / carers	Removal of network / internet access rights	Warning	Further sanction eg exclusion
Deliberately accessing or trying to access material that could be considered illegal (see list in earlier section on unsuitable / inappropriate activities).		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Unauthorised use of non-educational sites during lessons	X	X							
Unauthorised / inappropriate use of mobile phone / digital camera / other mobile device	X	X	X			X			
Unauthorised / inappropriate use of social media / messaging apps / personal email	X	X	X			X		X	
Unauthorised downloading or uploading of files	X	X	X			X		X	
Allowing others to access school / academy network by sharing username and passwords	X	X							
Attempting to access or accessing the school / academy network, using another student's / pupil's account	X	X							
Attempting to access or accessing the school / academy network, using the account of a member of staff	X	X				X	X	X	
Corrupting or destroying the data of other users	X	X	X			X	X	X	
Sending an email, text or message that is regarded as offensive, harassment or of a bullying nature	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Continued infringements of the above, following previous warnings or sanctions	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Actions which could bring the school / academy into disrepute or breach the integrity of the ethos of the school	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
Using proxy sites or other means to subvert the school's / academy's filtering system	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Accidentally accessing offensive or pornographic material and failing to report the incident	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Deliberately accessing or trying to access offensive or pornographic material	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Receipt or transmission of material that infringes the copyright of another person or infringes the Data Protection Act	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X

Actions / Sanctions

Staff Incidents	Refer to Headteacher	Refer to Local Authority / HR	Refer to Police	Refer to Technical Support Staff for action re filtering etc.	Warning	Disciplinary action
Deliberately accessing or trying to access material that could be considered illegal (see list in earlier section on unsuitable / inappropriate activities).	X	X	X	X		X
Inappropriate personal use of the internet / social media / personal email	X	X			X	
Unauthorised downloading or uploading of files	X			X	X	X
Allowing others to access school network by sharing username and passwords or attempting to access or accessing the school network, using another person's account	X				X	
Careless use of personal data e.g. holding or transferring data in an insecure manner	X				X	
Deliberate actions to breach data protection or network security rules	X	X		X	X	X
Corrupting or destroying the data of other users or causing deliberate damage to hardware or software	X	X	X	X		X
Sending an email, text or message that is regarded as offensive, harassment or of a bullying nature	X	X			X	X
Using personal email / social networking / instant messaging / text messaging to carry out digital communications with students / pupils	X	X	X		X	X
Actions which could compromise the staff member's professional standing	X	X			X	X
Actions which could bring the school / academy into disrepute or breach the integrity of the ethos of the school / academy	X	X			X	X
Using proxy sites or other means to subvert the school's / academy's filtering system	X	X		X	X	X
Accidentally accessing offensive or pornographic material and failing to report the incident	X	X		X	X	X
Deliberately accessing or trying to access offensive or pornographic material	X	X	X	X	X	X
Breaching copyright or licensing regulations	X				X	
Continued infringements of the above, following previous warnings or sanctions	X	X		X	X	X