



Irthington Village School E - Safety Policy

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Risks

The main areas of risks for our school community can be summarised as follows – content, contact, conduct and commerce. Risks are constantly evolving, but include:

- exposure to inappropriate content, including online pornography, access to inappropriate age rated games and substance abuse
- lifestyle websites, including pro-anorexia/self-harm/suicide sites
- hate sites
- content validation: how to check authenticity and accuracy of online content
- grooming
- cyber-bullying in all forms
- identity theft and sharing passwords
- digital footprint and online reputation
- health and well-being (amount of time spent online)
- sexting: sending and receiving of personally intimate images, (Nude and semi-nude photos or videos). Also referred to as SGII (self-generated indecent images)
- copyright: little care or consideration for intellectual property and ownership – such as music, film and plagiarism.
- privacy issues, including disclosure of personal information
- risks of online gambling, inappropriate advertising, phishing and / or financial scams. (See KCSIE September 2021)

Associated school policies/documents

This policy should be read in conjunction with:

- Department for Education – Keeping Children Safe in Education
- Child protection policy
- Data protection policy
- Health and safety policy
- Behaviour policy
- Live online risk assessment
- Remote education – information for parents

Scope

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

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 of cyber-bullying, or other e-safety incidents covered by this policy, which may take place outside of the school, 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. 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.

Key Responsibilities

Headteacher.

Takes overall responsibility for e-safety provision, data and data security and:

- Ensures the school uses an approved, filtered Internet Service, which complies with current statutory requirements
- Is responsible for ensuring that staff receive suitable training to carry out their e-safety roles and to train other colleagues, as relevant
- Is aware of procedures to be followed in the event of a serious e-safety incident.
- Ensures that there is a system in place to monitor and support staff who carry out internal e-safety procedures (e.g. network manager)

Classroom based staff.

Take day to day responsibility for e-safety issues and have a leading role in establishing and reviewing the school e-safety policies / documents and:

- Promote an awareness and commitment to e-safeguarding throughout the school community
- Ensure that e-safety education is embedded across the curriculum
- Oversee the delivery of the e-safety element of the Computing curriculum
- Ensure that the school follows all current e-safety advice to keep the children and staff safe

Are regularly updated in e-safety issues and legislation, and be aware of the potential for serious child protection issues to arise from:

- Sharing of personal data
- Access to illegal / inappropriate materials
- Inappropriate on-line contact with adults / strangers
- Potential or actual incidents of grooming
- Cyber-bullying and use of social media

Governors

Take responsibility for approval of the E-Safety Policy and reviewing the effectiveness of the policy. Support the school in encouraging parents and the wider community to become engaged in e-safety activities.

- Governors/Governors Sub-Committee receive regular information about e-safety incidents and monitoring reports.
- Governing Body has appointed Fiona Sweetman as the E-Safety Governor

Technician – Interfire IT

Takes responsibility for the security of the school ICT system and:

- Ensures that provision exists for misuse detection and malicious attack e.g. keeping virus protection up to date)
- Ensures that access controls/encryption exist to protect personal and sensitive information held on school-owned devices
- Ensures the school's policy on web filtering is applied and updated on a regular basis
- Keeps up to date with the school's e-safety policy and technical information in order to effectively carry out their e-safety role and to inform and update others as relevant
- Ensures that the use of the network/remote access/email is regularly monitored in order that any misuse / attempted misuse can be reported to the Headteacher for investigation
- Ensures appropriate backup procedures exist so that critical information and systems can be recovered in the event of a disaster
- Keeps up-to-date documentation of the school's e-security and technical procedures

Admin Staff

Ensures that all data held on pupils on the school office machines have appropriate access controls in place

Pupils

Ensure they adhere to the policy and:

- Have a good understanding of research skills and the need to avoid plagiarism and uphold copyright regulations
- Understand the importance of reporting abuse, misuse or access to inappropriate materials
- Know what action to take if they or someone they know feels worried or vulnerable when using online technology.
- Know and understand school policy on the use of mobile phones, digital cameras and hand-held devices.
- Know and understand school policy on the taking/use of images and on cyber-bullying.
- 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
- Take responsibility for learning about the benefits and risks of using the Internet and other technologies safely both in school and at home

Parents/Carers

Support the school in promoting e-safety and the policy by

- Reading, understanding and promoting the school Pupil Acceptable Use Agreements with their children
- Accessing the school website in accordance with the relevant school Acceptable Use Agreements.
- Consulting with the school if they have any concerns about their children's use of technology

Communication:

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

- Policy to be available on the school website and staffroom
- 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 pupil and ICT file

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.

Staff and pupils are given information about infringements in use and possible sanctions. Sanctions available include:

- Interview or 1:1 teaching by class teacher or Headteacher;
- informing parents or carers;

- removal of Internet or computer access for a period;
- referral to LA / Police.

Our class teachers act 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 Anti-Bullying Policy. Complaints related to child protection are dealt with in accordance with school / LA child protection procedures.

Education and Curriculum

This school has a clear, progressive e-safety education programme as part of the Computing curriculum, covering a range of skills and behaviours appropriate to their age and experience. This programme aims to ensure pupils:

- develop a range of strategies to evaluate and verify information before accepting its accuracy;
- 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;
- know how to narrow down or refine a search;
- [for older pupils] understand how search engines work and to understand that this affects the results they see at the top of the listings;
- 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;
- understand how photographs can be manipulated and how web content can attract the wrong sort of attention;
- understand why on-line 'friends' may not be who they say they are and to understand why they should be careful in online environments;
- 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;
- understand why they must not post pictures or videos of others without their permission;
- know not to download any files – such as music files - without permission;
- have strategies for dealing with receipt of inappropriate materials;
- [for older pupils] understand why and how some people will 'groom' young people for sexual reasons;
- understand the impact of cyberbullying, sexting and trolling and know how to seek help if they are affected by any form of online bullying.
- 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

To support this programme, the headteacher will:

- ensure staff will model safe and responsible behaviour in their own use of technology during lessons.
- ensure 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;

- ensure that staff and pupils understand the issues around aspects of the commercial use of the Internet, as age appropriate. This may include, risks in pop-ups; buying on-line; on-line gaming / gambling

All staff will:

- plan Internet use carefully to ensure that it is age-appropriate and supports the learning objectives for specific curriculum areas.
- remind students about their responsibilities through an end-user Acceptable Use Policy which every student will sign.

Remote and home learning

In the event of remote and home learning being required, the school will follow the guidelines in the Remote learning risk assessment which is available on the school website.

Staff and governor 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. Regular training is available to staff on e-safety issues and, as part of the induction process, all new staff [including those on university/college placement and work experience] are provided with information and guidance on the e-safeguarding policy.

Expected conduct

In this school, all users:

- 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 know and understand what the 'rules of appropriate use' are and what sanctions result from misuse.

Incident Management

All members of the school 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. The school facilitates this by:

- actively seeking support/guidance from other agencies as needed (e.g. the local authority, UK Safer Internet Centre helpline) in dealing with e-safety issues;
- monitoring and reporting e safety incidents and contributing to developments in policy and practice in e-safety within the school;
- informing parents/guardians 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.

Managing the ICT infrastructure

To ensure the network is used safely, this school ensures staff read and sign that they have understood the school's e-safety Policy. Access to the shared network is through a unique, audited username and password. We also use the same username and password for access to our remote network. In addition, the school:

- ensures pupils are provided with an individual network log-in username;
- makes clear that no one should log on as another user and pupils should never be allowed to log-on or use teacher/staff logins; staff logins have far less security restrictions and inappropriate use could damage files or the network;
- ensures the network is set up 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;
- ensures the network requires all users to always log off when they have finished working;
- where a user finds a logged-on machine, we require them to always log-off and then log-on again as themselves;
- 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.
- maintains equipment to ensure Health and Safety is followed; e.g., equipment installed and checked by approved Suppliers / LA electrical engineers
- 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;
- does not allow any outside Agencies to access our network remotely;
- 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 includes a secure, remote back up of critical data, that complies with external Audit's requirements;
- ensures all computer equipment is installed professionally and meets health and safety standards;
- ensures 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

All staff have their own unique username and private passwords to access school systems. Staff are responsible for keeping their password private.

E-mail

This school:

- does not publish personal e-mail addresses of pupils or staff on the school website;
- 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;
- reports messages relating to or in support of illegal activities to the relevant Authority and if necessary to the Police.

Pupils:

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;
- that they are not allowed to bring mobile phones to school.

Staff:

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'. In addition, staff are informed that:

- 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.

School website

The Headteacher takes overall responsibility to ensure that the website content is accurate and the quality of presentation is maintained. In addition:

- Uploading of information is restricted to our website authorisers: teaching staff and Interfire IT solutions
- 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
- 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

Social networking

School staff will ensure that in private use:

- 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.

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 should not use their mobile phones to record images or footage of children, their work or their activities. In the rare event that a school camera is broken and staff do need to use their own camera or mobile phone, they must get explicit permission from the Headteacher, images must be downloaded onto the school server at the earliest opportunity and deleted from the personal camera.
- 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 ICT scheme of work;

- 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 identity 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.

Reviewing online safety

Technology and risks and harms related to it evolve and change rapidly. When reviewing online safety UKCIS External Visitors Guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/using-external-visitors-to-support-online-safety-education-guidance-for-educational-settings> highlights a range of resources which can support educational settings. (See KCSIE September 2021)