

E-Safety Policy

The internet is an incredible resource for children to access, support for their homework, chatting to friends etc. but it can also be a very dangerous place for them.

They can be exposed to inappropriate material, harassment and bullying, viruses and hackers and be conned into giving away financial information. They can also be vulnerable to on-line grooming by paedophiles.

As a Childminder I offer children the opportunity to use the computer and the internet when supervised by me; however I have introduced a range of procedures to ensure their safety.

- Our computer is a tablet used only by myself and my young child and no other files are kept on it.
- Children are always very carefully supervised when using the device.
- I do not permit the children to go onto chat rooms
- I talk to the children about the websites they are using
- I check the history on the computer regularly
- I discuss with the older children about the importance of keeping safe on line, not forwarding on chain letters, not talking to people they don't know, not giving out personal information that could enable people to identify them, to tell me if they are worried about anything and to never arrange to meet anyone they have spoken to online.
- The children are not allowed to use the tablet camera or video message.
- I have provided each of you with an online safety document from the NSPCC as part of this update.

If you would rather your child was not allowed access to the internet then please let me know.

I am also aware of the need to limit the time children spend on computers and will develop strategies to ensure that they spend a balance of time engaged in ICT and other activities.

If you have any concerns regarding this policy then please do not hesitate to contact me.

If your child brings their own electrical items into my setting they will be placed in to a cabinet and only used if they need to contact someone or they need to check their telephones. If you need to contact them, please contact me. This strict rule is in place to prevent the children taking photographs of each other and sharing their location using the internet to ensure all the children are safe.

Your child will not be able to take pictures, either on a camera or phone, of any of the other children in my care.

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