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Policy:

eSafety

Approved by the governing body on.....

Play together, learn together, achieve together.

SPRINGVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

eSafety Policy



Introduction

This policy was created after a period of consultation with relevant stakeholders within school. It has been formally adopted by governors and reflects our approach at Springvale Primary School.

Aims and Principles

The policy is underpinned by the central aims of Springvale Primary and values held by the school community:

Aims of the school

- Springvale is committed to promoting high standards of academic achievement for all learners in all subjects.
- As a school we will continue to develop and instil key life skills and values in our pupils.
- We will encourage positive relationships and communications between home, our community and the wider world.

In particular, Springvale School has an inclusive approach to our provision. Our aim is always to involve all our children and stakeholders in all areas of the curriculum and school life. In accordance with our **Disability Equality Scheme** we recognise that this may mean making special adaptations or arrangements from time to time for children with specific disabilities. We welcome the involvement of disabled adults in all areas of school life.

Background Information

Springvale Primary School is a caring and open school, where parents, children, staff and the wider school community all know that their views and needs will be listened to, in both education and personal areas.

Introduction

This document is a statement of the aims, principles and strategies for the safe use of the ICT facilities at Springvale Primary School and to set out our proposed teaching of eSafety using technology both at home and/or out of school (e.g. personal devices). It is essential that pupil and their parents and carers are aware of the policy and agree to abide by it.

Background

The school aims to provide a safe place in which our pupils learn to take a full part in society and learn to handle the risks and responsibilities inherent in adult life. As part of this and to achieve these aims, teachers need to create the right balance between protecting pupils, securing ICT systems and improving access to systems and the internet.

The internet is a valuable resource that can raise educational standards by offering both pupils and teachers opportunities to search for information from a very wide range of sources based throughout the world. However it is essential that the internet be used in a safe manner, avoiding a number of potential dangers.

Springvale Primary believes that the benefits to pupils from access to information resources and increased opportunities for collaboration exceed the disadvantages. BMBC and Springvale Primary have taken every possible precaution to protect pupils from unsuitable sites by giving pupils access to only resources found to be appropriate and secure. This means that when a child logs onto the Barnsley Learning Network, they only have access to internet sites which have been 'vetted' and identified as suitable.

Provision

All pupils in school are made aware of the basic SMART rules in place to keep children safe whilst using ICT. (See appendix 1) Parents will also be informed of these during the new starter meetings. F2 to Y6 children take part in whole school assemblies in which these rules are explained and re-visited. The KS2 curriculum provides additional e-Safety sessions to enable children to make informed decisions about their use of ICT. **Ultimately parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using information sources outside the school premises.**

Sanctions

Governors, teachers, pupils, students and all other users are required to follow all the conditions laid down in this policy. Any breach of these conditions may lead to withdrawal of the user's access to the school's internet facility and in some instances could lead to criminal prosecution. In the case of employees, any breach may also be considered a breach of the employee's conditions of service, which could lead to dismissal on grounds of gross misconduct.

- All users should understand that if they break any of the rules they can be temporarily or permanently banned from using the school's ICT resources.
- Additional action may be taken on the advice of ICT services, safeguarding staff or the police.
- Where appropriate, police or local authorities may be involved in cases inappropriate use of the internet or social media by children or parents outside of school.

Family e-Safety Agreement

Pupils, when they join a new class every September, should agree that they will follow the e-Safety SMART rules. This will allow them to keep themselves and everyone they know safe when using the internet and other communication technologies. See appendix 2.

Pupil passwords

All users will be provided with a user name and complex password. These will only work on school ICT equipment when used in the school building.

Additionally, pupils need to be aware that they should:

- only use USB devices if I have permission.
- respect the filtering systems in place to keep me safe at school.
- tell an adult if any equipment is damaged or not working properly.
- only open emails from people I know.
- not alter computer settings unless an adult tells me to.
- only use chat and social networking sites with permission and at the times that are allowed.
- take care to check that the information that I access is accurate, as I understand that the work of others may not be correct.

Pupils need to be aware that they are responsible for their own actions and that if I break the SMART rules:

- They will not be able to use any of the ICT facilities within school.
- Their parents/carers will be informed.
- The police could be involved if my actions are illegal.

This Family eSafety Agreement is intended to ensure:

- That young people will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other communications technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.
- That the school's ICT systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.
- That parents/carers share the good practice and responsibility of keeping your child safe with regard to their on-line behaviour.

The school will ensure that your child will have access to ICT to enhance their learning and will, in return, expect the pupils to agree to be responsible users.

Our eSafety work is supplemented by an annual eSafety day with sharing assembly for parents and families to attend.

Appendix 1

SMART eSafety Rules



Image taken from Childsnet.com

Appendix 2

eSafety Family Agreement

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Things to consider when discussing E-Safety with your family...

Keeping safe

- How safe is our personal information?
 - Do we have strong passwords?
 - Do we all have usernames that don't reveal our full name?
- Have we considered parental controls which would be right for our family?
- Have we discussed online friendships and whether we can trust them?
- Do we need a family email address?
- Who will we talk to if we feel uncomfortable about anything we have seen or heard online or on a mobile phone or gaming device?
- When is it okay to download files, games or apps?
- Have we checked the reviews and ratings for apps and games?
- Which websites are okay for us to use?
- Should we open links from people we don't know?

Social Networking

- Do we know the age requirements to be on social networks?
- Who can I post photos of online?
- Do I know why it is important for my accounts to be private?
- Do I know what happens to an image once it has been posted online?

Gaming

- Which age rated games can I play?
- Am I aware of why PEGI is important?
- Can I play online with people I don't know?

Positive Online Behaviour

- How can I be a good friend on the internet?
- What will I do if I receive frightening or bullying messages?

Healthy Lifestyle

- How long can we spend online?
- Do we spend the same amount of time enjoying offline activities?
- Where can we use our devices around the house?

Golden Rule: Always tell an adult if you feel unsafe!

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Our Family E-Safety Agreement

We agree to...

I will only use the internet when with...

Who is responsible for this?

We will all make sure we only post what's correct.

What should we do if we see something online that we don't want to see?

What happens if someone doesn't follow the agreement?

Signatures

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