

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

e-safety policy

1. Writing and reviewing the e-safety policy

The e-Safety Policy is part of the School Development Plan and relates to other policies including those for ICT, bullying and for child protection.

The school has an e-Safety Coordinator. This may be the Designated Child Protection Coordinator as the roles overlap.

Our e-Safety Policy has been written by the school, building on the government guidance. It has been agreed by senior management and approved by governors and the PTA.

The e-Safety Policy and its implementation will be reviewed annually.

The e-Safety Policy was developed by the headteacher.

It was approved by the Governors in November 2009.

2 Teaching and learning

2.1 Why Internet use is important

The Internet is an essential element in 21st century life for education, business and social interaction. The school has a duty to provide students with quality Internet access as part of their learning experience.

Internet use is a part of the statutory curriculum and a necessary tool for staff and pupils.

2.3 Internet use will enhance learning

The school Internet access will be designed expressly for pupil use and will include filtering appropriate to the age of pupils.

Pupils will be taught what Internet use is acceptable and what is not and given clear objectives for Internet use.

Pupils will be educated in the effective use of the Internet in research, including the skills of knowledge location, retrieval and evaluation

2.4 Pupils will be taught how to evaluate Internet content

The school will ensure that the use of Internet derived materials by staff and pupils complies with copyright law.

Pupils should be taught to be critically aware of the materials they read and shown how to validate information before accepting its accuracy.

3 Managing Internet Access

3.1 Information system security

School ICT systems capacity and security will be reviewed regularly.
Virus protection will be updated regularly using LEA anti virus software
Security strategies will be discussed with the ICT adviser.

3.2 E-mail

Pupils may only use approved e-mail accounts on the school system.
Pupils must immediately tell a teacher if they receive offensive e-mail.
Pupils must not reveal personal details of themselves or others in e-mail communication, or arrange to meet anyone without specific permission.
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.
The forwarding of chain letters is not permitted.

3.3 Published content and the school web site

The contact details on the Web site should be the school address, e-mail and telephone number. Staff or pupils' personal information will not be published.
The headteacher will take overall editorial responsibility and ensure that content is accurate and appropriate.

3.4 Publishing pupil's images and work

Photographs that include pupils will be selected carefully and will not enable individual pupils to be clearly identified.
Pupils' full names will not be used anywhere on the Web site or Blog, particularly in association with photographs.
Written permission from parents or carers will be obtained before photographs of pupils are published on the school Web site.
Pupil's work can only be published with the permission of the pupil and parents.

3.5 Social networking and personal publishing

The school will block/filter access to social networking sites.
Newsgroups will be blocked unless a specific use is approved.
Pupils will be advised never to give out personal details of any kind which may identify them or their location.
Pupils and parents will be advised that the use of social network spaces outside school is inappropriate for primary aged pupils.

3.6 Managing filtering

The school will work with the LA, DCFS and the Internet Service Provider to ensure systems to protect pupils are reviewed and improved.

If staff or pupils discover an unsuitable site, it must be reported to the e-Safety Coordinator.

Senior staff will ensure that regular checks are made to ensure that the filtering methods selected are appropriate, effective and reasonable.

3.7 Managing videoconferencing

IP videoconferencing should use the educational broadband network to ensure quality of service and security rather than the Internet.

Pupils will ask permission from the supervising teacher before making or answering a videoconference call.

Videoconferencing will be appropriately supervised for the pupils' age.

3.8 Managing emerging technologies

Emerging technologies will be examined for educational benefit and a risk assessment will be carried out before use in school is allowed.

Mobile phones will not be used during lessons or formal school time. The sending of abusive or inappropriate text messages is forbidden.

3.9 Protecting personal data

Personal data will be recorded, processed, transferred and made available according to the Data Protection Act 1998.

4 Policy Decisions

4.1 Authorising Internet access

All staff must read and sign the 'Acceptable ICT Use Agreement' before using any school ICT resource.

The school will keep a record of all staff and pupils who are granted Internet access. The record will be kept up-to-date, for instance a member of staff may leave or a pupil's access be withdrawn.

At Key Stage 1, access to the Internet will be by adult demonstration with occasional directly supervised access to specific, approved on-line materials.

Parents will be asked to sign and return a consent form.

4.2 Assessing risks

The school will take all reasonable precautions to ensure that users access only appropriate material. However, due to the international scale and linked nature of Internet content, it is not possible to guarantee that unsuitable material will never appear on a school computer. Neither the school nor Education Leeds can accept liability for the material accessed, or any consequences of Internet access.

The school will audit ICT provision to establish if the e-safety policy is adequate and that its implementation is effective.

4.3 Handling e-safety complaints

Complaints of Internet misuse will be dealt with by a senior member of staff.

Any complaint about staff misuse must be referred to the headteacher.

Complaints of a child protection nature must be dealt with in accordance with school child protection procedures.

Pupils and parents will be informed of the complaints procedure.

Discussions will be held with the Police Youth Crime Reduction Officer to establish procedures for handling potentially illegal issues.

4.4 Community use of the Internet

The school will liaise with local organisations to establish a common approach to e-safety.

5 Communications Policy

5.1 Introducing the e-safety policy to pupils

E-safety rules will be posted in all networked rooms and discussed with the pupils at the start of each year.

Pupils will be informed that network and Internet use will be monitored.

5.2 Staff and the e-Safety policy

All staff will be given the School e-Safety Policy and its importance explained.

Staff should be aware that Internet traffic can be monitored and traced to the individual user. Discretion and professional conduct is essential.

5.3 Enlisting parents' support

Parents' attention will be drawn to the School e-Safety Policy in newsletters, the school brochure and on the school Web site.

Appendix 1: Internet use - Possible teaching and learning activities

Activities	Key e-safety issues	Relevant websites
Creating web directories to provide easy access to suitable websites.	Parental consent should be sought. Pupils should be supervised. Pupils should be directed to specific, approved on-line materials.	Web directories e.g. Ikeep bookmarks Webquest UK Leeds Learning Network
Using search engines to access information from a range of websites.	Parental consent should be sought. Pupils should be supervised. Pupils should be taught what internet use is acceptable and what to do if they access material they are uncomfortable with.	Web quests e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ask Jeeves for kids ▪ Yahoooligans ▪ CBBC Search ▪ Kidsclick
Exchanging information with other pupils and asking questions of experts via e-mail.	Pupils should only use approved e-mail accounts. Pupils should never give out personal information. Consider using systems that provide online moderation e.g. SuperClubs.	RM EasyMail SuperClubs PLUS Gold Star Café School Net Global Kids Safe Mail E-mail a children's author E-mail Museums and Galleries
Publishing pupils' work on school and other websites.	Pupil and parental consent should be sought prior to publication. Pupils' full names and other personal information should be omitted.	Making the News SuperClubs Infomapper Headline History Focus on Film
Publishing images including photographs of pupils.	Parental consent for publication of photographs should be sought. Photographs should not enable individual pupils to be identified. File names should not refer to the pupil by name.	Making the News SuperClubs Learninggrids Museum sites, etc. Digital Storytelling BBC - Primary Art
Communicating ideas	Only chat rooms dedicated to	SuperClubs

<p>within chat rooms or online forums.</p>	<p>educational use and that are moderated should be used.</p> <p>Access to other social networking sites should be blocked.</p> <p>Pupils should never give out personal information.</p>	<p>Skype FlashMeeting</p>
<p>Audio and video conferencing to gather information and share pupils' work.</p>	<p>Pupils should be supervised.</p> <p>Only sites that are secure and need to be accessed using an e-mail address or protected password should be used.</p>	<p>Skype FlashMeeting National Archives "On-Line" Global Leap National History Museum Imperial War Museum</p>