

# **Online Safeguarding Policy**

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Reviewed by Governors	
Review Date	

### **Development / Monitoring / Review of this Policy**

This Online Safeguarding policy has been developed by the Online Safety Group which consists of the following people:

- Senior Leadership Team Member
- Online Safety Coordinator
- Staff including Teachers, Support Staff, Technical Staff
- Governors
- Parents and Carers

Consultation with the whole school community has taken place through a range of formal and informal meetings in the creation of this policy.

### Schedule for Development / Monitoring / Review

The school will monitor the impact of the policy using:

- Logs of reported Online Safeguarding incidents
- Monitoring logs of internet activity (including sites visited)
- Surveys / questionnaires of
  - pupils
  - o parents / carers
  - o staff

### **Scope of the Policy**

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

The Education and Inspections Act 2006 empowers Head teachers 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 Online Safeguarding 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 (see appendix for template policy). In the case of both acts, action can only be taken over issues covered by the 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 Online Safeguarding behaviour that take place out of school.

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

The following section outlines the Online Safeguarding roles and responsibilities of individuals and groups within the school:

### **Governors / Board of Directors:**

Governors are responsible for the approval of the Online Safeguarding Policy and for reviewing the effectiveness of the policy. This will be carried out by the Governors receiving information about Online Safeguarding incidents and monitoring reports. A member of the Governing Body has taken on the role of Online Safeguarding Governor. The role of the Online Safeguarding Governor will include:

- meetings with the Online Safeguarding Co-ordinator
- monitoring of Online Safeguarding incident logs



• reporting to relevant Governors meetings

### Headteacher:

- The Headteacher has a duty of care for ensuring the Online Safety of members of the school community, though the day to day responsibility will be delegated to the Online Safeguarding Co-ordinator.
- The Headteacher and (at least) another member of the Senior Leadership Team should be aware of the procedures to be followed in the event of a serious Online Safeguarding allegation being made against a member of staff.
- The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring that the Online Safety Coordinator and other relevant staff receive suitable training to enable them to carry out their Online Safeguarding roles and to train other colleagues, as relevant.
- The Headteacher will ensure that there is a system in place to allow for monitoring and support of those in school who carry out the internal Online Safeguarding monitoring role. This is to provide a safety net and also support to those colleagues who take on important monitoring roles.
- The Senior Leadership Team will receive regular monitoring reports from the Online Safeguarding Coordinator.

### **Online Safety Coordinator:**

- leads the Online Safety Group.
- takes day to day responsibility for Online Safeguarding issues and has a leading role in establishing and reviewing the school Online Safeguarding policies / documents.
- ensures that all staff are aware of the procedures that need to be followed in the event of an Online Safeguarding incident taking place.
- provides training and advice for staff
- liaises with the Local Authority / relevant body
- liaises with school technical staff
- receives reports of Online Safeguarding incidents and creates a log of incidents to inform future Online Safeguarding developments.
- meets regularly with Online Safeguarding Governor to discuss current issues, review incident logs and filtering / change control logs
- reports regularly to Senior Leadership Team

### **Network Manager:**

The Network Manager is responsible for ensuring:

- that the school's technical infrastructure is secure and is not open to misuse or malicious attack
- that the school meets required Online Safeguarding technical requirements and any Online Safeguarding Guidance that may apply.
- that users may only access the networks and devices through a properly enforced password protection policy, in which passwords are regularly changed
- that they keep up to date with Online Safeguarding technical information in order to effectively carry out their Online Safeguarding role and to inform and update others as relevant
- that the use of the network / internet / Virtual Learning Environment / remote access / email is regularly
  monitored in order that any misuse / attempted misuse can be reported to the Headteacher for
  investigation / action / sanction
- that monitoring software / systems are implemented and updated as agreed in school / academy policies

# **Teaching and Support Staff**

Teaching and support staff are responsible for ensuring that:

- they have an up to date awareness of Online Safeguarding matters and of the current school Online Safeguarding policy and practices
- they have read, understood and signed the Staff Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)
- they report any suspected misuse or problem to the Headteacher / Online Safety Coordinator for investigation / action / sanction



- all digital communications with pupils / parents / carers should be on a professional level and only carried out using official school systems
- Online Safeguarding issues are embedded in all aspects of the curriculum and other activities
- pupils understand and follow the Online Safeguarding and acceptable use rules
- pupils have a good understanding of research skills and the need to avoid plagiarism and uphold copyright regulations
- they monitor the use of digital technologies, mobile devices, cameras etc in lessons and other school activities (where allowed) and implement current policies with regard to these devices
- in lessons where internet use is pre-planned pupils should be guided to sites checked as suitable for their use and that processes are in place for dealing with any unsuitable material that is found in internet searches

### **Designated Safeguarding Lead / Designated Person**

Should be trained in Online Safeguarding issues and be aware of the potential for serious child protection / safeguarding 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

### **Online Safety Group**

The Online Safety Group provides a consultative group that has wide representation from the *school* community, with responsibility for issues regarding Online Safeguarding and the monitoring the Online Safeguarding policy including the impact of initiatives. The group will also be responsible for regular reporting to the Governing Body:

Members of the Online Safety Group (or other relevant group) will assist the Online Safety Coordinator with:

- the production / review / monitoring of the school Online Safeguarding policy / documents.
- mapping and reviewing the Online Safeguarding curricular provision ensuring relevance, breadth and progression
- monitoring network / internet / incident logs
- consulting stakeholders including parents / carers and the pupils about the Online Safeguarding provision
- monitoring improvement actions identified through use of the 360 degree safe self review tool

# **Pupils:**

- are responsible for using the *school* digital technology systems in accordance with the Online Safety Golden Rules.
- have a good understanding of research skills and the need to avoid plagiarism and uphold copyright regulations
- 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 Online Safeguarding practice when using digital technologies out of school and realise that the *school's* Online Safeguarding Policy covers their actions out of school, if related to their membership of the school

# **Parents / Carers**

Parents / Carers play a crucial role in ensuring that their children understand the need to use the internet / mobile devices in an appropriate way. The school will take every opportunity to help parents understand these issues through parents' evenings, newsletters, letters, website and information about national / local Online Safeguarding campaigns / literature. Parents and carers will be encouraged to support the school / academy in promoting good Online Safeguarding practice and to follow guidelines on the appropriate use of:

- digital and video images taken at school events
- access to parents' sections of the website



# **Policy Statements**

# **Education – pupils**

Whilst regulation and technical solutions are very important, their use must be balanced by educating *pupils* to take a responsible approach. The education of *pupils* in Online Safety is therefore an essential part of the school's Online Safeguarding provision. Children and young people need the help and support of the school to recognise and avoid Online Safety risks and build their resilience.

Online Safety should be a focus in all areas of the curriculum and staff should reinforce Online Safety messages across the curriculum. The Online Safety curriculum should be broad, relevant and provide progression, with opportunities for creative activities and will be provided in the following ways:

- A planned Online Safety curriculum should be provided as part of Computing / PHSE / other lessons and should be regularly revisited
- Key Online Safety messages should be reinforced as part of a planned programme of assemblies and tutorial / pastoral activities
- Pupils should be taught in all lessons to be critically aware of the materials / content they access on-line and be guided to validate the accuracy of information.
- Pupils should be taught to acknowledge the source of information used and to respect copyright when using material accessed on the internet
- Students / pupils should be helped to understand the need for the Online Safety Golden Rules and encouraged to adopt safe and responsible use both within and outside school
- Staff should act as good role models in their use of digital technologies the internet and mobile devices
- in lessons where internet use is pre-planned, it is best practice that students / pupils should be guided to sites checked as suitable for their use and that processes are in place for dealing with any unsuitable material that is found in internet searches.
- Where students / pupils are allowed to freely search the internet, staff should be vigilant in monitoring the content of the websites the young people visit.
- It is accepted that from time to time, for good educational reasons, students may need to research topics (eg racism, drugs, discrimination) that would normally result in internet searches being blocked. In such a situation, staff can request that the Technical Staff (or other relevant designated person) can temporarily remove those sites from the filtered list.

# **Education – parents / carers**

Many parents and carers have only a limited understanding of Online Safety risks and issues, yet they play an essential role in the education of their children and in the monitoring / regulation of the children's on-line behaviours. Parents may underestimate how often children and young people come across potentially harmful and inappropriate material on the internet and may be unsure about how to respond.

The school will therefore seek to provide information and awareness to parents and carers through:

- Curriculum activities
- Letters, newsletters, web site
- Parents / Carers evenings / sessions
- High profile events / campaigns e.g. Safer Internet Day
- Reference to the relevant web sites / publications



# **Education – The Wider Community**

The school will provide opportunities for local community groups / members of the community to gain from the school's online safety knowledge and experience. This may be offered through the following:

- Providing family learning courses in use of new digital technologies, digital literacy and online safety
- Online safety messages targeted towards grandparents and other relatives as well as parents.
- The school website will provide online safety information for the wider community

# **Education & Training – Staff / Volunteers**

It is essential that all staff receive Online Safety training and understand their responsibilities, as outlined in this policy. Training will be offered as follows:

- A planned programme of formal Online Safety training will be made available to staff. This will be regularly updated and reinforced. An audit of the Online Safety training needs of all staff will be carried out regularly. It is expected that some staff will identify Online Safety as a training need within the performance management process.
- All new staff should receive Online Safety training as part of their induction programme, ensuring that they fully understand the school Online Safeguarding policy and Acceptable Use Agreements.
- The Online Safety Co-ordinator will receive regular updates through attendance at external training events (e.g. from SWGfL / LA / other relevant organisations) and by reviewing guidance documents released by relevant organisations.
- This Online Safeguarding policy and its updates will be presented to and discussed by staff in staff / team meetings / INSET days.
- The Online Safety Coordinator will provide advice / guidance / training to individuals as required.

# **Training – Governors / Directors**

Governors / Directors should take part in Online Safety training / awareness sessions, with particular importance for those who are members of any group involved in technology / Online Safeguarding / health and safety / child protection. This may be offered in a number of ways:

- Attendance at training provided by the Local Authority / National Governors Association / or other relevant organisation (e.g. SWGfL).
- Participation in school training / information sessions for staff or parents

# **Technical – infrastructure / equipment, filtering and monitoring**

The school will be responsible for ensuring that the school infrastructure / network is as safe and secure as is reasonably possible and that policies and procedures approved within this policy are implemented. It will also need to ensure that the relevant people named in the above sections will be effective in carrying out their Online Safety responsibilities:

- School / Academy technical systems will be managed in ways that ensure that the school meets recommended technical requirements (these may be outlined in Local Authority / other relevant body policy and guidance)
- There will be regular reviews and audits of the safety and security of school technical systems
- Servers, wireless systems and cabling must be securely located and physical access restricted
- All users will have clearly defined access rights to school technical systems and devices.
- All users (at KS2 and above) will be provided with a username and secure password by the Network Manager who will keep an up to date record of users and their usernames. Users are responsible for the security of their username and password
- The "master / administrator" passwords for the school ICT system, used by the Network Manager must also be available to the Headteacher or other nominated senior leader and kept in a secure place
- Network manager is responsible for ensuring that software licence logs are accurate and up to date and that regular checks are made to reconcile the number of licences purchased against the number of software installations



- Internet access is filtered for all users. Illegal content (child sexual abuse images) is filtered by the broadband or filtering provider by actively employing the Internet Watch Foundation CAIC list. Content lists are regularly updated and internet use is logged and regularly monitored.
- The school has provided enhanced / differentiated user-level filtering
- School / academy technical staff regularly monitor and record the activity of users on the school technical systems and users are made aware of this in the Acceptable Use Agreement.
- An appropriate system is in place for users to report any actual / potential technical incident / security breach to the relevant person, as agreed).
- Appropriate security measures are in place to protect the servers, firewalls, routers, wireless systems, work stations, mobile devices etc from accidental or malicious attempts which might threaten the security of the school systems and data. The school infrastructure and individual workstations are protected by up to date virus software.
- The Acceptable Usage Policy is in place regarding the extent of personal use that users (staff / students / pupils / community users) and their family members are allowed on school devices that may be used out of school.
- The Acceptable Usage Policy is in place regarding the use of removable media (eg memory sticks / CDs / DVDs) by users on school devices. Personal data cannot be sent over the internet or taken off the school site unless safely encrypted or otherwise secured.

# **Mobile Technologies**

Mobile technology devices may be school owned/provided or personally owned and might include: smartphone, tablet, notebook / laptop or other technology that usually has the capability of utilising the school's wireless network. The device then has access to the wider internet which may include the school's learning platform and other cloud based services such as email and data storage.

All users should understand that the primary purpose of the use mobile / personal devices in a school context is educational. The mobile technologies policy should be consistent with and inter-related to other relevant school polices including but not limited to the Safeguarding Policy, Behaviour Policy, Bullying Policy, Acceptable Use Policy, and policies around theft or malicious damage. Teaching about the safe and appropriate use of mobile technologies should be an integral part of the school's Online Safety education programme.

The school allows:

	School Devices			Personal Devices					
	School owned for single use	School owned for multiple users	Authorised Device <sup>1</sup>	Student Owned	Staff Owned	Visitor Owned			
Allowed in school	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes			
Full network access	Yes	Yes	No		No	No			
Internet only			No		Yes	Yes			
No Network Access			Yes		Yes	Yes			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Authorised device – purchased by the pupil/family through a school-organised scheme. This device may be given full access to the network as if it were owned by the school.



# Use of digital and video images

The development of digital imaging technologies has created significant benefits to learning, allowing staff and pupils instant use of images that they have recorded themselves or downloaded from the internet. However, staff, parents / carers and pupils need to be aware of the risks associated with publishing digital images on the internet. Such images may provide avenues for cyberbullying to take place. Digital images may remain available on the internet forever and may cause harm or embarrassment to individuals in the short or longer term. It is common for employers to carry out internet searches for information about potential and existing employees. The school will inform and educate users about these risks and will implement policies to reduce the likelihood of the potential for harm:

- When using digital images, staff should inform and educate pupils about the risks associated with the taking, use, sharing, publication and distribution of images. In particular they should recognise the risks attached to publishing their own images on the internet eg on social networking sites.
- In accordance with guidance from the Information Commissioner's Office, parents / carers are welcome to take videos and digital images of their children at school events for their own personal use (as such use in not covered by the Data Protection Act). To respect everyone's privacy and in some cases protection, these images should not be published / made publicly available on social networking sites, nor should parents / carers comment on any activities involving other pupils in the digital / video images.
- Staff and volunteers are allowed to take digital / video images to support educational aims, but must follow the Use of Images Policy concerning the sharing, distribution and publication of those images. Those images should only be taken on school equipment, the personal equipment of staff should not be used for such purposes.
- Care should be taken when taking digital / video images that pupils are appropriately dressed and are not participating in activities that might bring the individuals or the school into disrepute.
- Pupils must not take, use, share, publish or distribute images of others without their permission
- Photographs published on the website, or elsewhere that include pupils will be selected carefully and will comply with good practice guidance on the use of such images.
- Pupils' full names will not be used anywhere on a website or blog, particularly in association with photographs.
- Written permission from parents or carers will be obtained before photographs of students / pupils are published on the school website

# **Data Protection**

Personal data will be recorded, processed, transferred and made available according to the current data protection legislation.

The school / academy must ensure that:

- It has a Data Protection Policy.
- It has paid the appropriate fee to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).
- It has appointed a Data Protection Officer (DPO).
- It will hold the minimum personal data necessary to enable it to perform its function and it will not hold it for longer than necessary for the purposes it was collected for.
- Data held must be accurate and up to date. Inaccuracies are corrected without unnecessary delay.
- The lawful basis for processing personal data (including, where relevant, consent) has been identified and documented and details provided in a Privacy Notice.
- Where special category data is processed, a lawful basis and a separate condition for processing have been identified.
- Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA) are carried out.
- It has clear and understood arrangements for access to and the security, storage and transfer of personal data, including, where necessary, adequate contractual clauses or safeguards where personal data is passed to third parties e.g. cloud service providers.



- Procedures must be in place to deal with the individual rights of the data subject i.e. a Subject Access Requests to see all or a part of their personal data held by the data controller.
- There are clear and understood data retention policies and routines for the deletion and disposal of data.
- There is a policy for reporting, logging, managing and recovering from an information risk incident which recognises the requirement to report relevant data breaches to the ICO within 72 hours of the breach, where feasible.
- Consideration has been given to the protection of personal data when accessed using any remote access solutions.
- The school must have a Freedom of Information Policy which sets out how it will deal with FOI requests.
- All staff receive data handling awareness / data protection training and are made aware of their responsibilities.

Staff must ensure that they:

- At all times take care to ensure the safe keeping of personal data, minimising the risk of its loss or misuse.
- Use personal data only on secure password protected computers and other devices, ensuring that they are properly "logged-off" at the end of any session in which they are using personal data.
- Transfer data using encrypted means.

When personal data is stored on any portable computer system, memory stick or any other removable media:

- Transfer data using encrypted and password protected means.
- Do not use memory sticks.
- The data must be securely deleted from the device once it has been transferred or its use is complete.



# Communications

A wide range of rapidly developing communications technologies has the potential to enhance learning. The following table shows how the school currently considers the benefit of using these technologies for education outweighs their risks / disadvantages:

	Staff & other adults			Students / Pupils				
Communication Technologies	Allowed at all times	Allowed at certain times	Allowed for selected staff	Not allowed	Allowed	Allowed at certain times	Allowed with staff permission	Not allowed
Mobile phones may be brought to school		$\checkmark$					$\checkmark$	
Use of personal mobile phones in lessons				$\checkmark$				$\checkmark$
Use personal of mobile phones in social time		$\checkmark$						$\checkmark$
Taking photos on personal mobile phones / cameras				$\checkmark$				$\checkmark$
Use of other mobile devices eg tablets, gaming devices		$\checkmark$						$\checkmark$
Use of personal email addresses in school, or on school network		$\checkmark$						$\checkmark$
Use of school email for personal emails		$\checkmark$						$\checkmark$
Use of messaging apps		$\checkmark$						$\checkmark$
Use of social media		$\checkmark$						$\checkmark$
Use of blogs		$\checkmark$					$\checkmark$	

Further clarification regarding the use of Mobile Phones can be found in the schools Mobile Phone Policy.

When using communication technologies the school considers the following as good practice:

- The official school / academy email service may be regarded as safe and secure and is monitored. Users should be aware that email communications are monitored. Staff and students / pupils should therefore use only the school / academy email service to communicate with others when in school, or on school / academy systems (eg by remote access).
- Users must immediately report, to the nominated person in accordance with the school / academy policy, the receipt of any communication that makes them feel uncomfortable, is offensive, discriminatory, threatening or bullying in nature and must not respond to any such communication.
- Any digital communication between staff and students / pupils or parents / carers (email, chat, VLE etc) must be professional in tone and content. These communications may only take place on official (monitored) school / academy systems. Personal email addresses, text messaging or social media must not be used for these communications.
- Students / pupils should be taught about Online Safeguarding issues, such as the risks attached to the sharing of personal details. They should also be taught strategies to deal with inappropriate communications and be reminded of the need to communicate appropriately when using digital technologies.



• Personal information should not be posted on the school / academy website and only official email addresses should be used to identify members of staff.

# **Social Media - Protecting Professional Identity**

All schools, academies 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, cyberbully, 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:

- Ensuring that personal information is not published.
- Training is provided 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 they follow the Social Media Guidelines.

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



# Dealing with Unsuitable / inappropriate activities

The school believes that the activities referred to in the following section would be inappropriate in a school context and that users, as defined below, should not engage in these activities in school or outside school when using school equipment or systems. The school policy restricts usage as follows:

User Actions	S	Acceptable	Acceptable at certain times	Acceptable for nominated users	Unacceptable	Unacceptable and illegal
Users shall not visit Internet sites, make, post, download,	Child sexual abuse images –The making, production or distribution of indecent images of children. Contrary to The Protection of Children Act 1978					Х
	Grooming, incitement, arrangement or facilitation of sexual acts against children Contrary to the Sexual Offences Act 2003.					Х
upload, data transfer, communicate	Possession of an extreme pornographic image (grossly offensive, disgusting or otherwise of an obscene character) Contrary to the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008					Х
or pass on, material, remarks,	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					Х
proposals or comments that	pornography				Х	
contain or relate to:	promotion of any kind of discrimination				X	
	threatening behaviour, including promotion of physical violence or mental harm				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				Х	
Using school systems to r	Using school systems to run a private business				Х	
	Using systems, applications, websites or other mechanisms that bypass the filtering or other safeguards employed by the school / academy				Х	
Infringing copyright	Infringing copyright				Х	
	Revealing or publicising confidential or proprietary information (eg financial / personal information, databases, computer / network access codes and passwords)				Х	
Creating or propagating computer viruses or other harmful files					X	
Unfair usage (downloading / uploading large files that hinders others in their use of the internet)					Х	
On-line gaming (educational)			Х			
On-line gaming (non educational)			Х			
On-line gambling					Х	
On-line shopping / commerce			Х			
File sharing			Х			
Use of social media			Х			
Use of messaging apps			Х			
Use of video broadcasting eg Youtube			Х			

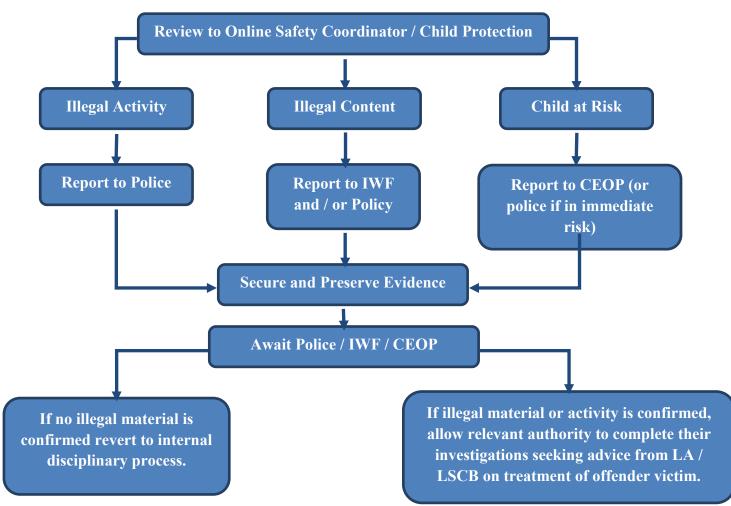


# **Responding to incidents of misuse**

This guidance is intended for use when staff need to manage incidents that involve the use of online services. It encourages a safe and secure approach to the management of the incident. Incidents might involve illegal or inappropriate activities (see "User Actions" above).

### **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 the school will follow the steps in the flow chart below.



### **Other Incidents**

It is hoped that all members of the school 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 have appropriate internet access to conduct the procedure and that the sites and content visited are closely monitored and recorded (to provide further protection).

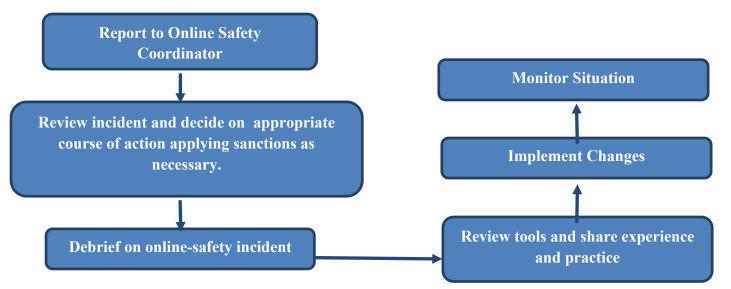


- Record the url of any site containing the alleged misuse and describe the nature of the content causing concern. It may also be necessary to record and store screenshots of the content on the machine being used for investigation. These may be printed, signed and attached to the form (except in the 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
  - o Internal response or discipline procedures
  - o Involvement by Local Authority 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
  - o adult material which potentially breaches the Obscene Publications Act
  - o criminally racist material
  - o 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 and possibly the police and demonstrate that visits to these sites were carried out for child protection purposes. The completed form should be retained by the group for evidence and reference purposes.

#### **School Actions & Sanctions**

It is more likely that the school / academy will need to deal with incidents that involve inappropriate rather than illegal misuse. The reporting of these incidents will be dealt with using the steps in the flow chart below.



It is important that any incidents are dealt with as soon as possible in a proportionate manner, and that members of the school community are aware that incidents have been dealt with. It is intended that incidents of misuse will be dealt with through normal behaviour / disciplinary procedures. The sanctions will be decided on a case by case basis and for pupils can include:

- Refer to class teacher
- Refer to Headteacher
- Refer to technical support staff for action
- Inform parents / carers
- Removal of network / internet access rights



For staff these sanctions can include:

- Refer to line manager
- Refer to Headteacher
- Refer to technical support staff for action
- Warning
- Disciplinary action

Any cases that involved safeguarding or child protection issues will be referred immediately to the Local Safeguarding board (LADO).