



Cheadle Hulme School

E-Safety Policy

This Policy is applicable to all pupils in the School including those in an EYFS setting

Please also refer to Equality & Diversity Policy; Portable Devices Policy – Whole School; Portable Devices Policy - EYFS

Please follow this link for the relevant procedures on the School's intranet: Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy & Procedure; Anti-Bullying Procedure; Promotion of Good Behaviour Procedure; Cyberbullying Procedure; ICT Access Guidance for Staff & Pupils.

Digital technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people, both within and outside School. These technologies are powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. These technologies can stimulate discussion, promote creativity and stimulate awareness of context to promote effective learning. Young people should have an entitlement to safe internet access at all times.

Cheadle Hulme School recognises the significant educational benefit of technology and is also aware of the potential risks such as misinformation, potential plagiarism or exposure to online bullying, abuse and illegal or inappropriate material. The School will therefore take all reasonable steps to ensure that all members of the School community use the internet for maximum educational benefit but in a safe and responsible manner and that it:

- takes all reasonable precautions to make the School's ICT infrastructure is as safe and secure as is reasonably possible, using trained staff, appropriate technological filters and monitoring systems and external sources of support where necessary;
- regularly reviews and audits the safety and security of the School's technical systems.
- provides pupils and staff with clear guidance as to the steps they should take to keep themselves safe while using ICT;
- establishes clear guidelines for all users as to what is acceptable usage in relation to the use of ICT and what steps will be taken by the School if these standards are breached;
- has clear guidance for anyone using mobile devices while on School premises and for staff using mobiles to communicate with pupils/parents at any time;
- has a clear, progressive eSafety education programme to raise pupils' awareness of the risks and the importance of maintaining their privacy while using technology;
- has clear reporting mechanisms to deal with online abuse such as bullying that are cross-referenced with other School policies;
- makes staff aware of legislation in relation to sending and receiving personal information using technological means and when the use of encryption or other security measures are required;
- makes all members of the School community aware that unlawful or unsafe usage is unacceptable and that, where appropriate, disciplinary or legal action will be taken;

- provides parents and carers with information about steps they can take to support their children and the School in achieving safe and responsible use of technology.

In order to ensure that this policy is implemented effectively the School will adopt the use of Acceptable Use Policy Agreements for different members of the School community. The School will regularly review whether the procedures and agreements it has to support this policy remain effective.

This policy applies to all members of the School community - staff, pupils, volunteers, parents and carers, visitors, community users - who have access to and are users of School's ICT systems. eSafety is also integral to other School policies and procedures including the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and Procedures, Anti-Bullying Policy, Behaviour Policy and ICT Access Guidance for Staff and Pupils.

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Relevant Procedure/s:	Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy & Procedure; Antbullying Procedure ; Promotion of Good Behaviour Procedure; Cyberbullying Procedure; ICT Access Guidance for Staff & Students