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Blackfordby St. Margaret's C of E Primary School

Policy for E Safety 2022 -2025

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Policy Statement

For clarity, the e -safety policy uses the following terms unless otherwise stated:

Users - refers to staff, governing body, school volunteers, students and any other person working in or on behalf of the school, including contractors.

Parents – any adult with a legal responsibility for the child/young person outside the school e.g. parent, guardian, carer.

School – any school business or activity conducted on or off the school site, e.g. visits, conferences, school trips etc.

Wider school community – students, all staff, governing body, parents (insert others appropriate to your own school needs).

Safeguarding is a serious matter; at Blackfordby St. Margaret's C of E Primary School we use technology and the Internet extensively across all areas of the curriculum.

Online safeguarding, known as e -safety is an area that is constantly evolving and as such this policy will be reviewed on an annual basis or in response to an

e-safety incident, whichever is sooner.

The primary purpose of this policy is twofold:

- To ensure the requirement to empower the whole school community with the knowledge to stay safe and risk free is met.
- To ensure risks are identified, assessed and mitigated (where possible) to reduce any foreseeability of harm to the student or liability to the school.

This policy is available for anybody to read on the Blackfordby St. Margaret's C of E Primary School web site; upon review all members of staff will sign as read and

understood both the e -safety policy and the Staff Acceptable Use Policy. A copy of this policy and the Students Acceptable Use Policy will be sent home with

students at the beginning of each school year with a permission slip. Upon return of the signed permission slip and acceptance of the terms and conditions,

students will be permitted access to school technology including the Internet.



Policy Governance (Roles & Responsibilities)

Governing Body

The governing body is accountable for ensuring that our school has effective policies and procedures in place; as such they will:

- Review this policy at least annually and in response to any e -safety incident to ensure that the policy is up to date, covers all aspects of technology use

within the school, to ensure e -safety incidents were appropriately dealt with and ensure the policy was effective in managing those incidents.

- Appoint one governor to have overall responsibility for the governance of e -safety at the school who will:

Keep up to date with emerging risks and threats through technology use.

Receive regular updates from the Headteacher in regard to training, identified risks and any incidents.

Report to the Safeguarding committee

Headteacher

Reporting to the governing body, the Headteacher has overall responsibility for e -safety within our school. The day -to-day management of this will be

delegated to a member of staff, the e -Safety Officer (or more than one), as indicated below.

The Headteacher will ensure that:

- E-Safety training throughout the school is planned and up to date and appropriate to the recipient, i.e. students, all staff, senior leadership team and

governing body, parents.

- The designated e -Safety Officer(s) has had appropriate CPD in order to undertake the day-to-day duties.

- All e -safety incidents are dealt with promptly and appropriately.



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e-Safety Officer

The day -to-day duty of e -Safety Officer is devolved to Hayley Ryder Smith – Head of School The e -Safety Officer will:

- Keep up to date with the latest risks to children whilst using technology; familiarise herself with the latest research and available resources for school and

home use.

- Review this policy regularly and bring any matters to the attention of the Headteacher.
- Advise the Headteacher, governing body on all e -safety matters.
- Engage with parents and the school community on e -safety matters at school and/or at home.
- Liaise with the local authority, IT technical support and other agencies as required.
- Retain responsibility for the e -safety incident log; ensure staff know what to report and ensure the appropriate audit trail.
- Ensure any technical e -safety measures in school (e.g. Internet filtering software, behaviour management software) are fit for purpose through liaison

with the local authority and/or IT Technical Support.

- Make him/herself aware of any reporting function with technical e -safety measures, i.e. internet filtering reporting function; liaison with the Headteacher

and responsible governor to decide on what reports may be appropriate for viewing.

ICT Technical Support Staff

Technical support staff are responsible for ensuring that:

- The IT technical infrastructure is secure; this will include at a minimum:
- Anti-virus is fit -for-purpose, up to date and applied to all capable devices. o Windows (or other operating system) updates are regularly monitored

and devices updated as appropriate.

- Any e -safety technical solutions such as Internet filtering are operating correctly.
- Filtering levels are applied appropriately and according to the age of the user; that categories of use are discussed and agreed with the e -safety



officer and Headteacher.

- Passwords are applied correctly to all users regardless of age. Staff will be encouraged to use passwords which are not easily guessed.
- The IT System Administrator password is to be changed when required.

All Staff

Staff are to ensure that:

- All details within this policy are understood. If anything is not understood it should be brought to the attention of the Headteacher.
- Any e -safety

incident is reported to the Senior leadership team which includes the e -Safety Officer using CPOMS

- The reporting flowcharts contained within this e -safety policy is fully understood.

All Students

The boundaries of use of ICT equipment and services in this school are given in the student Acceptable Use Policy, any deviation or misuse of ICT equipment

or services will be dealt with in accordance with the behaviour policy. e -Safety is embedded into our curriculum; students will be given the appropriate

advice and guidance by staff. Similarly, all students will be fully aware how they can report areas of concern whilst at school or outside of school.

Parents and Carers

Parents play the most important role in the development of their children; as such the school will ensure that parents have the skills and knowledge they

need to ensure the safety of children outside the school environment. Through regular parents' evenings, school newsletters, text messages and emails the

school will keep parents up to date with new and emerging e -safety risks and will involve parents in strategies to ensure that students are empowered.

Parents must also understand the school needs to have rules in place to ensure that their child can be properly safeguarded. As such parents will sign the

student Acceptable Use Policy before any access can be granted to school ICT equipment or services.

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e-Safety Committee

Chaired by the Governor responsible for e -Safety, the e -safety Committee is responsible:

- to advise on changes to the e -safety policy.
- to establish the effectiveness (or not) of e -safety training and awareness in the school.
- to recommend further initiatives for e -safety training and awareness at the school.

Established from volunteer students, parents, e -Safety Officer, responsible Governor and others as required, the e -Safety Committee will meet on a termly

basis.

Technology

Blackfordby St. Margaret's C of E Primary School uses a range of devices including PC's, laptops, iPads. In order to safeguard the student and to prevent loss of

personal data we employ the following assistive technology:

Internet Filtering – we use NetSweeper software that prevents unauthorised access to illegal websites. It also helps to prevent access to inappropriate

websites: appropriate and inappropriate is determined by the age of the user and will be reviewed in line with this policy or in response to an incident,

whichever is sooner. The ICT Coordinator, e -Safety Officer and IT Support are responsible for ensuring that the filtering is appropriate and that any issues

are brought to the attention of the Headteacher.

Email Filtering – we use Office365 for Education software that helps to prevent infected email to be sent from the school, or to be received by the school.

Infected is defined as: an email that contains a virus or script (i.e. malware) that could be damaging or destructive to data; spam email such as a phishing

message.

Encryption – All school devices that hold personal data (as defined by the Data Protection Act 1998) are encrypted. Data should not leave the school on an

un-encrypted device: all devices that are kept on school property and which may contain personal data are encrypted. Any breach (i.e. loss/theft of device

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such as laptop or USB key drives) is to be brought to the attention of the Headteacher immediately. The Headteacher will liaise with the local authority to

ascertain whether a report needs to be made to the Information Commissioner's Office. (Note: Encryption does not mean password protected.)

Passwords – all staff and students will be unable to access any device without a unique username and password. Staff passwords will change if there has

been a suspected or confirmed compromise. Student passwords will be unique and age appropriate. Student passwords will be centrally managed and

changed by a staff member if there is a suspected or confirmed compromise. The Computing Lead and IT Support will be responsible for ensuring that

passwords are changed.

Anti -Virus – All capable devices will have anti -virus software. This software will be updated at least weekly for new virus definitions. IT Support will be

responsible for ensuring this task is carried out, and will report to the Headteacher if there are any concerns. All USB peripherals such as key drives (if you allow them) are to be scanned for viruses before use or on -access by school systems.

Safe Use

Internet – Use of the Internet in school is a privilege, not a right. Internet use will be granted: to staff upon signing this e -safety and the staff Acceptable Use

Policy; students upon signing and returning their acceptance of the Acceptable Use Policy. AUPs for all users will be renewed annually and managed by the

School Business Manager.

Email – All staff are reminded that emails are subject to Freedom of Information requests, and as such the email service is to be used for professional work -

based emails only. Emails of a personal nature are not permitted. Similarly, use of personal email addresses for work purposes is not permitted. Students are

permitted to use the school email system, and as such will be given their own email address, when required. Photos and videos – Digital media such as

photos and videos are covered in the schools' safeguarding policy and in the Staff Handbook and guidance. All parents must sign a photo/video release slip

at the beginning of each academic year; non -return of the permission slip will not be assumed as acceptance.

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Social Networking – there are many social networking services available; Blackfordby St. Margaret's C of E Primary School is fully supportive of social networking as a tool

to engage and collaborate with learners, and to engage with parents and the wider school community. The following social media services are permitted for

use within Blackfordby St. Margaret's C of E Primary School and have been appropriately risk assessed; should staff wish to use other social media, permission must first

be sought via the e-Safety Officer who will advise the Headteacher for a decision to be made. Any new service will be risk assessed before use is permitted.

- Twitter – used by the school as a broadcast service (see below).

A broadcast service is a one-way communication method to share school information with the wider school community. No persons will be

“followed” or “friended” on these services and as such no two-way communication will take place.

In addition, the following is to be strictly adhered to:

- Permission slips must be consulted before any image or video of any child is uploaded.
- There is to be no identification of students using first name and surname; first name only is to be used.
- Where services are “comment enabled”, comments are to be set to “moderated”.
- All posted data must conform to copyright law; images, videos and other resources that are not originated by the school are not allowed unless the owner's permission has been granted or there is a licence which allows for such use (i.e. creative commons).

Notice and take down policy – should it come to the school's attention that there is a resource which has been inadvertently uploaded, and the school does

not have copyright permission to use that resource, it will be removed within one working day.

Incidents - Any e-safety incident is to be brought to the immediate attention of the e-Safety Officer, or in his/her absence the Headteacher. The e-Safety

Officer will assist you in taking the appropriate action to deal with the incident and to fill out an incident log.

Training and Curriculum - It is important that the wider school community is sufficiently empowered with the knowledge to stay as risk free as possible

whilst using digital technology; this includes updated awareness of new and emerging issues. As such, Blackfordby St. Margaret's C of E Primary School will have an

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annual programme of training which is suitable to the audience.

e-Safety for students is embedded into the curriculum; whenever ICT is used in the school, staff will ensure that there are positive messages about the safe

use of technology and risks as part of the student's learning. There are also discrete lessons and sessions planned throughout the year based on a range of

resources which are age appropriate e.g. Digi Duck, Internet Legends

As well as the programme of training we will establish further training or lessons as necessary in response to any incidents.

The e -Safety Officer is responsible for recommending a programme of training and awareness for the school year to the Headteacher and responsible

Governor for consideration and planning. Should any member of staff feel they have had inadequate or insufficient training generally or in any particular

area this must be brought to the attention of the Headteacher for further CPD.

The e -Safety Training Programme can be found on the school network.

Acceptable Use Policy – Staff

Note: All Internet and email activity is subject to monitoring

You must read this policy in conjunction with the e -Safety Policy. Once you have read and understood both you must sign this policy sheet (it may be easier

and tidier to have a separate single sheet that all staff sign).

Internet access - You must not access or attempt to access any sites that contain any of the following: child abuse; pornography; promoting discrimination

of any kind; promoting racial or religious hatred; promoting illegal acts; any other information which may be illegal or offensive to colleagues. Inadvertent

access must be treated as an e-safety incident, reported to the e -safety officer and an incident sheet completed.

Social networking – is allowed in school in accordance with the e -safety policy only. Staff using social networking for personal use should never undermine

the school, its staff, parents or children. Staff should not become “friends” with parents or pupils on personal social networks

Use of Email – staff are not permitted to use school email addresses for personal business. All email should be kept professional. Staff are reminded that

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school data, including emails, is open to Subject Access Requests under the Freedom of Information Act.

Passwords - Staff should keep passwords private. There is no occasion when a password needs to be shared with another member of staff or student, or IT

support.

Data Protection – If it is necessary for you to take work home, or off site, you should ensure that your device (laptop, USB pen drive etc.) is encrypted. On no

occasion should data concerning personal information be taken offsite on an unencrypted device.

Personal Use of School ICT - You are not permitted to use ICT equipment for personal use unless specific permission has been given from the Headteacher

who will set the boundaries of personal use.

Images and Videos - You should not upload onto any internet site or service images or videos of yourself, other staff or pupils without consent. This is

applicable professionally (in school) or personally (i.e. staff outings).

Use of Personal ICT - use of personal ICT equipment is at the discretion of the Headteacher. Permission must be sought stating the reason for using

personal equipment: a risk assessment will be carried out by IT support and the e -Safety Officer.

Viruses and other malware - any virus outbreaks are to be reported to the Mouchel Helpdesk as soon as it is practical to do so, along with the name of the

virus (if known) and actions taken by the school.

e-Safety – like health and safety, e -safety is the responsibility of everyone to everyone. As such you will promote positive e -safety messages in all use of ICT

whether you are with other members of staff or with students.



Acceptable Use Policy – Students

Our Charter of Good Online Behaviour

Note: All Internet, email and PC activity may be subject to monitoring

I Promise – to only use the school ICT for schoolwork that the teacher has asked me to do.

I Promise – not to look for or show other people things that may be upsetting.

I Promise – to show respect for the work that other people have done. I will not – use other people’s work or pictures without permission to do so. I will not – damage the ICT equipment, if I accidentally damage something I will tell my teacher.

I will not – share my password with anybody. If I forget my password, I will let my teacher know.

I will not – use other people’s usernames or passwords. I will not – share personal information online with anyone.

I will not – download anything from the Internet unless my teacher has asked me to. I will – let my teacher know if anybody asks me for personal information.

I will – let my teacher know if anybody says or does anything to me that is hurtful or upsets me. I will – be respectful to everybody online; I will treat everybody the way that I want to be treated.

I understand – that some people on the Internet are not who they say they are, and some people can be nasty. I will tell my teacher if I am ever concerned in school, or my parents if I am at home.

I understand – if I break the rules in this charter there will be consequences of my actions and my parents will be told.

Signed (Parent) :

Signed (Student) :

Date :



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Letter to Parents to Accompany AUP:

Dear Parents / Carers

Acknowledgement of Internet Use

As part of the ICT Curriculum your child will be taught how to use the Internet to search for information and also how to send and receive email. You will be aware of the great increase in Internet use over the past few years Blackfordby St. Margaret's C of E Primary School believes that it is essential to teach the skills needed to

access the Internet to equip children for life outside school.

We have taken a number of steps to ensure that access to the Internet is safe for your child whilst in school. The children will access the Internet through an Internet Service Provider. We use the LA recommended provider which is especially designed for schools and filters out any undesirable material. Children will only have access to the Internet as part of planned lessons and when an adult is supervising. There are rules that children must follow and the school will not be liable for any damages arising from your child's use of the Internet.

The software also allows us to monitor Internet use; the Internet filter keeps logs of which user has accessed what Internet sites, and when. Security and safeguarding of your child are of the utmost importance in our school; in order to ensure that there have been no attempts of inappropriate Internet activity we may occasionally monitor these logs. If we believe there has been questionable activity involving your child we will inform you of the circumstances. We may also use software to monitor screen activity both online and offline and will use this information to help us meet our safeguarding requirements.

The Internet is a very powerful tool which can be used to support your child's education. We ask that you fill in the attached slip, acknowledging your child's use of the Internet and return it to school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to discuss them with your child's class teacher.

Jo Westaby

Headteacher

I am aware that my child will use the internet and email in school, under supervision and understand the rules which will govern that use.

Child's name: Class:.....

Parent/Carer Signed:..... Date:.....