Be The Change

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DEARHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL
Safeguarding - Acceptable Use Policy

"...action [must be] taken at a whole-school level to ensure that e-safety is mainstreamed throughout the school's teaching, learning and other practices such as integrating issues about safety and safeguarding into the curriculum so that pupils have a strong understanding of how to keep themselves safe."
(Dr Tanya Byron - Safer children in a digital world)

At Dearham Primary School, we believe that this is of paramount importance and is the responsibility of the Head Teacher, Governors and all staff.

This policy relates to other policies including ICT, bullying as well as child protection and safeguarding.

Aims of this policy are to:

- help establish and reinforce safe and responsible online behaviours

- protect pupils who are susceptible to risks

- protect staff who are also susceptible to risks

- protect sensitive and personal data by outlining how staff use technology and systems securely at all times

- help parents and carers to reinforce positive and appropriate behaviours in their children

- ensure parents and carers themselves follow appropriate behaviours on the school network and at home

- ensure the school is pro-active in building on collaborative working with other key agencies to reduce the risk of harm to all stakeholders.

Teaching and Learning

Why the Internet and digital communications are 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 high-quality Internet access as part of their learning experience.

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

Internet use will enhance and extend learning
- The school Internet access is designed expressly for pupil use and includes filtering appropriate to the age of pupils.

- Clear boundaries are set for the appropriate use of the Internet and digital communications and discussed with staff and pupils.
- Pupils are educated in the effective use of the Internet in research, including the skills of knowledge location, retrieval and evaluation.

Pupils will be taught how to evaluate Internet content

- The school ensures that the use of Internet derived materials by staff and by pupils complies with copyright law.
- Pupils will be taught to be critically aware of the materials they read.

Communicating e-Safety

Introducing the e-safety policy to pupils

- Students are informed that network and Internet use will be monitored.
- A programme of training in e-Safety has been developed, using Jeff Haslam, external consultant and now Rebecca Hawker (teacher in school)
- Staff teach e-safety regularly and refer to it during the continuous learning programmes.
- School has a discrete e.safety co-ordinator and lessons in classes.

Enlisting parents' and carers' support

- Parents' and carers' attention will be drawn to the Acceptable Use Policy in newsletters, the school brochure and on the school Website.
- Parents are invited to annual sessions on internet safety.
- Parents also annually sign a form which permits pupil's to use the internet.

Keeping up to date

The Head Teacher and senior team will keep up to date with e-safety by:

- Visiting the local authority/CLEO websites
- Liaising with our e.safety co-ordinator.
- Consulting regularly with our service provider

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