

Policy on Internet Safety

Flagg Nursery School



Sowing the Seeds

At Flagg Nursery School, safeguarding is our primary concern and part of our safeguarding provision is to work on Internet Safety. When we send out letters to parents which are related to internet access, we will always highlight the importance of staying safe on the internet. We aim to support and educate our parents on the importance of staying safe online within the home.

The safety of children in school is our highest priority and this includes issues around safe internet use. Children are never left alone to use the internet without an adult, and a sophisticated web filtering system exists to eliminate any possibility of inappropriate content being viewed by anyone in school.

Visitors to the school, students and volunteers as well as staff are asked to leave their mobile phones in the staff cloakroom or the office and under no circumstances do we allow personal mobile devices in the classroom.

When children use the iPads they are kept on Guided access so that children cannot change the programme and the safari button has been removed so that children do not have access to the internet.

Children are taught that the little red cross in the top right hand corner must always be pressed if anything happens on screen to make them feel unhappy. We use stories such as Penguinpig and Chicken Clicking and the following songs to initiate discussions about staying safe on-line:

When you're on the internet

When you're on the internet and something isn't right
Before you click, you need to think
And tell someone you like.

Buddy's Safer Internet Song

Ask your grown up
Ask your grown up
Ask for help
Ask for help
Use your tablet safely
Use your tablet safely
Woof, woof, woof

Staff are always extremely vigilant when using the internet with children. If a clip from youtube is to be used during the lesson then staff will have viewed it beforehand to ensure that the content is suitable and there are no unexpected pop-ups. Ideally staff will use youtubekids and import the clip to be used to keepvid.com. Any issues arising from internet use are immediately reported to the Headteacher.

When children's information, records etc are stored, they are always stored in secure areas, controlled by usernames and passwords.

Please refer to our Acceptable use of ICT policy. Staff are encouraged to use the highest possible security settings on their social media accounts and to remain professional if they are "virtual friends" with anyone in our school community.

As a school we use the NSPCC 360 degree safe online safety self-assessment tool to ensure that we keep up-to-date with current development.

For more information, please speak to a member of staff.

Our on-line safety co-ordinators are Sarah Brown (head teacher) and Ian Daniel (Chair of Governors) April 2019