



Online Safety Policy

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Statement of intent

Beresford Memorial First School understands that using online services is an important aspect of raising educational standards, promoting pupil achievement and enhancing teaching and learning.

The use of online services is embedded throughout the school; therefore, there are a number of controls in place to ensure the safety of pupils and staff.

The breadth of issues classified within online safety is considerable, but they can be categorised into three areas of risk:

- **Content:** Being exposed to illegal, inappropriate or harmful material, e.g. pornography, fake news, and racist or radical and extremist views.
- **Contact:** Being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users, e.g. commercial advertising and adults posing as children or young adults.
- **Conduct:** Personal online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes, harm, e.g. sending and receiving explicit messages, and cyberbullying.

The measures implemented to protect pupils and staff revolve around these areas of risk. Our school has created this policy with the aim of ensuring appropriate and safe use of the internet and other digital technology devices by all pupils and staff.

1. Legal framework

1.1. This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation and guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- Voyeurism (Offences) Act 2019
- The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
- Data Protection Act 2018
- DfE (2023) 'Keeping children safe in education'
- DfE (2023) 'Teaching online safety in school'

- DfE (2018) 'Searching, screening and confiscation'
- National Cyber Security Centre (2017) 'Cyber Security: Small Business Guide'
- UK Council for Child Internet Safety (2020) 'Education for a Connected World – 2020 edition'
- UK Council for Child Internet Safety (2017) 'Sexting in schools and colleges: Responding to incidents and safeguarding young people'

1.2. This policy operates in conjunction with, but not limited to, the following school policies:

- Allegations of Abuse Against Staff Policy
- Acceptable Use Agreement
- TTLT Data and E-Security Breach Prevention and Management Plan
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- PSHRE Policy
- Staff Code of Conduct
- Data Protection Policy
- Confidentiality Policy
- Prevent Duty Policy
- Safeguarding Policy

2. Roles and responsibilities

2.1. The Local Governing Board is responsible for:

- Ensuring that this policy is effective and complies with relevant laws and statutory guidance.
- Ensuring the DSL's remit covers online safety.
- Reviewing this policy on a biennial basis.
- Ensuring their own knowledge of online safety issues is up-to-date.
- Ensuring all staff undergo safeguarding and child protection training (including online safety) at induction.
- Ensuring that there are appropriate filtering and monitoring systems in place.

2.2. The Headteacher is responsible for:

- The DSL role and supporting any deputies by ensuring they have enough time and resources to carry out their responsibilities in relation to online safety.
- Ensuring staff receive regular, up-to-date and appropriate online safety training and information as part of their induction and safeguarding training.
- Ensuring online safety practices are audited and evaluated.
- Supporting staff to ensure that online safety is embedded throughout the curriculum so that all pupils can develop an appropriate understanding of online safety.
- Organising engagement with parents to keep them up-to-date with current online safety issues and how the school is keeping pupils safe.
- Working with the ICT technicians to conduct termly light-touch reviews of this policy.
- Working with the DDSL and Local Governing Board to update this policy on an biennial basis.

2.3. The DSL/DDSL is responsible for:

- Taking the lead responsibility for online safety in the school.
- Acting as the named point of contact within the school on all online safeguarding issues.
- Undertaking training so they understand the risks associated with online safety and can recognise additional risks that pupils with SEND face online.
- Liaising with relevant members of staff on online safety matters, e.g. the SENCO and ICT technicians.
- Ensuring online safety is recognised as part of the school's safeguarding responsibilities and that a coordinated approach is implemented.
- Ensuring safeguarding is considered in the school's approach to remote learning.
- Ensuring appropriate referrals are made to external agencies, as required.
- Staying up-to-date with current research, legislation and online trends.
- Coordinating the school's participation in local and national online safety events, e.g. Safer Internet Day.
- Establishing a procedure for reporting online safety incidents and inappropriate internet use, both by pupils and staff.
- Ensuring all members of the school community understand the reporting procedure.

- Maintaining records of reported online safety concerns as well as the actions taken in response to concerns.
- Monitoring online safety incidents to identify trends and any gaps in the school's provision, and using this data to update the school's procedures.
- Reporting to the Local Governing Board about online safety on a termly basis.

2.4. ICT technicians includes the role of School Support Manager and IT Support from Westwood College. ICT technicians are responsible for:

- Providing technical support in the development and implementation of the school's online safety policies and procedures.
- Implementing appropriate security measures as directed by the Headteacher.
- Ensuring that the school's filtering and monitoring systems are updated as appropriate.
- Working with the Headteacher (DSL)/DDSL to conduct termly light-touch reviews of this policy.

2.5. All staff members are responsible for:

- Taking responsibility for the security of ICT systems and electronic data they use or have access to.
- Modelling good online behaviours.
- Maintaining a professional level of conduct in their personal use of technology.
- Having an awareness of online safety issues.
- Reporting concerns in line with the school's reporting procedure.
- Where relevant to their role, ensuring online safety is embedded in their teaching of the curriculum.

2.6. Pupils/parents are responsible for:

- Adhering to this policy, the Acceptable Use Agreement and other relevant policies.
- Seeking help from school staff if they are concerned about something they or a peer has experienced online.
- Reporting online safety incidents and concerns in line with the procedures within this policy.

3. The curriculum

- 3.1. Online safety is embedded throughout the curriculum; however, it is particularly addressed in the following subjects:
- Health education
 - PSHRE
 - Computing
- 3.2. The curriculum and the school's approach to online safety is developed in line with the UK Council for Child Internet Safety's 'Education for a Connected World' framework and the DfE's 'Teaching online safety in school' guidance.
- 3.3. Pupils are taught the underpinning knowledge and behaviours that can help them to navigate the online world safely and confidently regardless of the device, platform or app they are using.
- 3.4. Online safety teaching is always appropriate to pupils' ages and developmental stages.
- 3.5. The underpinning knowledge and behaviours pupils learn through the curriculum include the following:
- How to evaluate what they see online
 - How to recognise techniques used for persuasion
 - Acceptable and unacceptable online behaviour
 - How to identify online risks
 - How and when to seek support
- 3.6. The online risks pupils may face online are always considered when developing the curriculum. The risks that are considered and how they are covered in the curriculum can be found in [Appendix 1](#) of this policy.
- 3.7. The DSL/DDSL is involved with the development of the school's online safety curriculum.
- 3.8. The school recognises that, while any pupil can be vulnerable online, there are some pupils who may be more susceptible to online harm or have less support from family and friends in staying safe online, e.g. pupils with SEND and LAC. Relevant members of staff, e.g. the SENCO and designated teacher for LAC, work together to ensure the curriculum is tailored so these pupils receive the information and support they need.
- 3.9. Class teachers review external resources prior to using them for the online safety curriculum, to ensure they are appropriate for the cohort of pupils. When reviewing these resources, the following questions are asked:
- Where does this organisation get their information from?

- What is their evidence base?
 - Have they been externally quality assured?
 - What is their background?
 - Are they age appropriate for pupils?
 - Are they appropriate for pupils' developmental stage?
- 3.10. External visitors may be invited into school to help with the delivery of certain aspects of the online safety curriculum. The Headteacher (DSL)/DDSL decide when it is appropriate to invite external groups into school and ensure the visitors selected are appropriate.
- 3.11. Before conducting a lesson or activity on online safety, the class teacher and DSL/DDSL consider the topic that is being covered and the potential that pupils in the class have suffered or may be suffering from online abuse or harm in this way. The DSL advises the staff member on how to best support any pupil who may be especially impacted by a lesson or activity.
- 3.12. Lessons and activities are planned carefully so they do not draw attention to a pupil who is being or has been abused or harmed online, to avoid publicising the abuse.
- 3.13. During an online safety lesson or activity, the class teacher ensures a safe environment is maintained in which pupils feel comfortable to say what they feel and are not worried about getting into trouble or being judged.
- 3.14. If a staff member is concerned about anything pupils raise during online safety lessons and activities, they will make a report in line with sections [15](#) and [16](#) of this policy.
- 3.15. If a pupil makes a disclosure to a member of staff regarding online abuse following a lesson or activity, the staff member will follow the reporting procedure outlined in sections [15](#) and [16](#) of this policy.

4. Staff training

- 4.1. All staff receive safeguarding and child protection training, which includes online safety training, during their induction.
- 4.2. Online safety training for staff is updated annually.
- 4.3. In addition to this training, staff also receive regular online safety updates as required and at least annually.
- 4.4. The DSL/DDSL undergo training to provide them with the knowledge and skills they need to carry out their role, this includes online safety training. This training is updated at least every two years.

- 4.5. In addition to this formal training, the DSL and any deputies receive regular online safety updates to allow them to keep up with any developments relevant to their role. In relation to online safety, these updates allow the DSL and their deputies to:
- Understand the unique risks associated with online safety and be confident that they have the relevant knowledge and capability required to keep pupils safe while they are online at school.
 - Recognise the additional risks that pupils with SEND face online and offer them support to stay safe online.
- 4.6. All staff receive a copy of this policy upon their induction and are informed of any changes to the policy.
- 4.7. Staff are required to adhere to the Staff Code of Conduct at all times, which includes provisions for the acceptable use of technologies and the use of social media.
- 4.8. All staff are informed about how to report online safety concerns, in line with sections [15](#) and [16](#) of this policy.
- 4.9. The DSL/DDSL acts as the first point of contact for staff requiring advice about online safety.

5. Educating parents

- 5.1. The school works in partnership with parents to ensure pupils stay safe online at school and at home.
- 5.2. Parents are provided with information about the school's approach to online safety and their role in protecting their children. Parental awareness is raised in the following ways:
- Parents' evenings
 - School website
 - Newsletters
- 5.3. Parents are sent a copy of the Acceptable Use Agreement at the beginning of their child's enrolment at the school and are encouraged to go through this with their child to ensure their child understands the document and the implications of not following it.

6. Classroom use

- 6.1. A wide range of technology is used during lessons, including the following:
- Computers
 - Laptops

- Tablets
 - Email
 - Cameras
- 6.2. Prior to using any websites, tools, apps or other online platforms in the classroom, or recommending that pupils use these platforms at home, the class teacher always reviews and evaluates the resource.
 - 6.3. Class teachers ensure that any internet-derived materials are used in line with copyright law.
 - 6.4. Pupils are supervised when using online materials during lesson time – this supervision is suitable to their age and ability.

7. Internet access

- 7.1. Pupils, staff and other members of the school community are only granted access to the school's internet network once they have read and signed the Acceptable Use Agreement.
- 7.2. A record is kept of users who have been granted internet access in the school office.
- 7.3. All members of the school community are encouraged to use the school's internet network, as the network has appropriate filtering and monitoring to ensure individuals are using the internet appropriately.

8. Filtering and monitoring online activity

- 8.1. The Local Governing Board ensures the school's ICT network has appropriate filters and monitoring systems in place.
- 8.2. The Headteacher and ICT technicians undertake a risk assessment to determine what filtering and monitoring systems are required.
- 8.3. The filtering and monitoring systems the school implements are appropriate to pupils' ages, the number of pupils using the network, how often pupils access the network, and the proportionality of costs compared to the risks.
- 8.4. The Headteacher ensures 'over blocking' does not lead to unreasonable restrictions as to what pupils can be taught with regards to online teaching and safeguarding.
- 8.5. ICT technicians undertake monthly checks on the filtering and monitoring systems to ensure they are effective and appropriate.
- 8.6. Requests regarding making changes to the filtering system are directed to the Headteacher.

- 8.7. Prior to making any changes to the filtering system, ICT technicians and the DSL/DDSL conduct a risk assessment.
- 8.8. Any changes made to the system are recorded by ICT technicians.
- 8.9. Reports of inappropriate websites or materials are made to an ICT technician immediately, who investigates the matter and makes any necessary changes.
- 8.10. Deliberate breaches of the filtering system are reported to the DSL/DDSL and ICT technicians, who will escalate the matter appropriately.
- 8.11. If a pupil has deliberately breached the filtering system, they will be disciplined in line with the Behavioural Policy.
- 8.12. If a member of staff has deliberately breached the filtering system, they will be disciplined in line with the Disciplinary Policy and Procedure.
- 8.13. If material that is believed to be illegal is accessed, inadvertently or deliberately, this material will be reported to the appropriate agency immediately, e.g. the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF), CEOP and/or the police.
- 8.14. The school's network and school-owned devices are appropriately monitored.
- 8.15. All users of the network and school-owned devices are informed about how and why they are monitored.
- 8.16. Concerns identified through monitoring are reported to the DSL who manages the situation in line with sections [15](#) and [16](#) of this policy.

9. Network security

- 9.1. Technical security features, such as anti-virus software, are kept up-to-date and managed by ICT technicians.
- 9.2. Firewalls are switched on at all times.
- 9.3. ICT technicians review the firewalls on a weekly basis to ensure they are running correctly, and to carry out any required updates.
- 9.4. Staff and pupils are advised not to download unapproved software or open unfamiliar email attachments.
- 9.5. Staff members and pupils report all malware and virus attacks to ICT technicians.
- 9.6. All members of staff have their own unique usernames and private passwords to access the school's systems.

- 9.7. Pupils in key stage 1 and above are provided with their own unique username and private passwords to access certain websites.
- 9.8. Staff members and pupils are responsible for keeping their passwords private.
- 9.9. Passwords have a minimum and maximum length and require a mixture of letters, numbers and symbols to ensure they are as secure as possible.
- 9.10. Users are not permitted to share their login details with others and are not allowed to log in as another user at any time.
- 9.11. Users are required to lock access to devices and systems when they are not in use.
- 9.12. Users inform Class teachers if they forget their login details, who will arrange for the user to access the systems under different login details.
- 9.13. If a user is found to be sharing their login details or otherwise mistreating the password system, the Headteacher is informed and decides the necessary action to take.
- 9.14. Full details of the school's network security measures can be found in the TTLT Data and E-Security Breach Prevention and Management Plan.

10. Emails

- 10.1. Access to and the use of emails is managed in line with the Data Protection Policy, Acceptable Use Agreement and Confidentiality Policy.
- 10.2. Staff are given approved school email accounts and are only able to use these accounts at school and when doing school-related work outside of school hours.
- 10.3. Prior to being authorised to use the email system, staff must agree to and sign the relevant acceptable use agreement.
- 10.4. Personal email accounts are not permitted to be used on the school site.
- 10.5. Any email that contains sensitive or personal information is only sent using secure and encrypted email.
- 10.6. Staff members and pupils are required to block spam and junk mail, and report the matter to ICT technicians.
- 10.7. The school's monitoring system can detect inappropriate links, malware and profanity within emails – staff and pupils are made aware of this.
- 10.8. Chain letters, spam and all other emails from unknown sources are deleted without being opened.

- 10.9. Any cyberattacks initiated through emails are managed in line with the TTLT Data and E-Security Breach Prevention and Management Plan.

11. Social networking

Personal use

- 11.1. Access to social networking sites is filtered as appropriate.
- 11.2. Staff and pupils are not permitted to use social media for personal use during lesson time.
- 11.3. Staff can use personal social media during break and lunchtimes; however, inappropriate or excessive use of personal social media during school hours may result in the removal of internet access or further action.
- 11.4. Staff members are advised that their conduct on social media can have an impact on their role and reputation within the school.
- 11.5. Staff receive annual training on how to use social media safely and responsibly.
- 11.6. Staff are not permitted to communicate with pupils or parents over social networking sites and are reminded to alter their privacy settings to ensure pupils and parents are not able to contact them on social media.
- 11.7. Pupils are taught how to use social media safely and responsibly through the online safety curriculum.
- 11.8. Concerns regarding the online conduct of any member of the school community on social media are reported to the DSL and managed in accordance with the relevant policy, e.g. Anti-Bullying Policy, Staff Code of Conduct and Behavioural Policy.

Use on behalf of the school

- 11.9. The use of social media on behalf of the school is conducted in line with the Social Media Policy.
- 11.10. The school's official social media channels are only used for official educational or engagement purposes.
- 11.11. Staff members must be authorised by the Headteacher to access to the school's social media accounts.
- 11.12. All communication on official social media channels by staff on behalf of the school is clear, transparent and open to scrutiny.
- 11.13. The Staff Code of Conduct contains information on the acceptable use of social media – staff members are required to follow these expectations at all times.

12. The school website

- 12.1. The Headteacher/office manager is responsible for the overall content of the school website – they will ensure the content is appropriate, accurate, up-to-date and meets government requirements.
- 12.2. The website complies with guidelines for publications including accessibility, data protection, respect for intellectual property rights, privacy policies and copyright law.
- 12.3. Personal information relating to staff and pupils is not published on the website.
- 12.4. Images and videos are only posted on the website if the parents have consented.

13. Use of school-owned devices

- 13.1. Staff members are issued with the following devices to assist with their work:
 - Laptop
- 13.2. Pupils are provided with school-owned devices as necessary to assist in the delivery of the curriculum, e.g. tablets to use during lessons.
- 13.3. School-owned devices are used in accordance with the Device User Agreement.
- 13.4. Staff and pupils are not permitted to connect school-owned devices to public Wi-Fi networks.
- 13.5. All school-owned devices are password protected.
- 13.6. All school-owned devices are fitted with software to ensure they can be remotely accessed, in case data on the device needs to be protected, retrieved or erased.
- 13.7. ICT technicians review all school-owned devices on a monthly basis to carry out software updates and ensure there is no inappropriate material on the devices.

- 13.8. No software, apps or other programmes can be downloaded onto a device without authorisation from ICT technicians.
- 13.9. Staff members or pupils found to be misusing school-owned devices are disciplined in line with the Disciplinary Policy and Procedure and Behavioural Policy.

14. Use of personal devices

- 14.1. Any personal electronic device that is brought into school is the responsibility of the user.
- 14.2. Personal devices are only permitted to be used in the following locations:
- Staffroom
 - Office
 - Empty classroom at playtime/lunchtime
- 14.3. Staff members are not permitted to use their personal devices during lesson time, other than in an emergency.
- 14.4. Staff members are not permitted to use their personal devices to take photos or videos of pupils.
- 14.5. Staff members report concerns about their colleagues' use of personal devices on the school premises in line with the Allegations of Abuse Against Staff Policy.
- 14.6. If a member of staff is thought to have illegal content saved or stored on a personal device, or to have committed an offence using a personal device, the Headteacher will inform the police and action will be taken in line with the Allegations of Abuse Against Staff Policy.
- 14.7. Pupils are not permitted to bring personal devices into school, unless under exceptional circumstances.
- 14.8. Any pupil device brought into school, must remain in the school office.
- 14.9. Appropriate signage is displayed to inform visitors to the school of the expected use of personal devices.
- 14.10. Any concerns about visitors' use of personal devices on the school premises are reported to the DSL.

15. Managing reports of online safety incidents

- 15.1. Staff members and pupils are informed about what constitutes inappropriate online behaviour in the following ways:
- Staff training

- The online safety curriculum
 - Assemblies
- 15.2. Concerns regarding a staff member's online behaviour are reported to the Headteacher who decides on the best course of action in line with the relevant policies, e.g. Staff Code of Conduct, Allegations of Abuse Against Staff Policy and Disciplinary Policy and Procedures.
 - 15.3. Concerns regarding a pupil's online behaviour are reported to the DSL who investigates concerns with relevant staff members, e.g. the Headteacher and ICT technicians.
 - 15.4. Concerns regarding a pupil's online behaviour are dealt with in accordance with relevant policies depending on their nature, e.g. Behavioural Policy and Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.
 - 15.5. Where there is a concern that illegal activity has taken place, the Headteacher contacts the police.
 - 15.6. All online safety incidents and the school's response are recorded by the DSL.
 - 15.7. [Section 16](#) of this policy outlines how the school responds to specific online safety concerns, such as cyberbullying and peer-on-peer abuse.

16. Responding to specific online safety concerns

Cyberbullying

- 16.1. Cyberbullying, against both pupils and staff, is not tolerated.
- 16.2. Any incidents of cyberbullying are dealt with quickly and effectively whenever they occur.

Online sexual violence and sexual harassment between children (peer-on-peer abuse)

- 16.3. The school recognises that peer-on-peer abuse can take place online. Examples include the following:
 - Non-consensual sharing of sexual images and videos
 - Sexualised cyberbullying
 - Online coercion and threats
 - Unwanted sexual comments and messages on social media
 - Online sexual exploitation
- 16.4. The school responds to all concerns regarding online peer-on-peer abuse, whether or not the incident took place on the school premises or using school-owned equipment.

- 16.5. Concerns regarding online peer-on-peer abuse are reported to the DSL who will investigate the matter in line with the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.
- 16.6. Information about the school's full response to incidents of online peer-on-peer abuse can be found in the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

Upskirting

- 16.7. Under the Voyeurism (Offences) Act 2019, it is an offence to operate equipment and to record an image beneath a person's clothing without consent and with the intention of observing, or enabling another person to observe, the victim's genitals or buttocks (whether exposed or covered with underwear), in circumstances where their genitals, buttocks or underwear would not otherwise be visible, for a specified purpose.
- 16.8. A "specified purpose" is namely:
- Obtaining sexual gratification (either for themselves or for the person they are enabling to view the victim's genitals, buttocks or underwear).
 - To humiliate, distress or alarm the victim.
- 16.9. "Operating equipment" includes enabling, or securing, activation by another person without that person's knowledge, e.g. a motion activated camera.
- 16.10. Upskirting is not tolerated by the school.
- 16.11. Incidents of upskirting are reported to the DSL who will then decide on the next steps to take, which may include police involvement, in line with the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

Online abuse and exploitation

- 16.12. Through the online safety curriculum, pupils are taught about how to recognise online abuse and where they can go for support if they experience it.
- 16.13. The school responds to concerns regarding online abuse and exploitation, whether or not it took place on the school premises or using school-owned equipment.
- 16.14. All concerns relating to online abuse and exploitation, including child sexual abuse and exploitation and criminal exploitation, are reported to the DSL and dealt with in line with the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

Online hate

- 16.15. The school does not tolerate online hate content directed towards or posted by members of the school community.

- 16.16. Incidents of online hate are dealt with in line with the relevant school policy depending on the nature of the incident and those involved, e.g. Staff Code of Conduct, Anti-Bullying Policy and Adult Code of Conduct.

Online radicalisation and extremism

- 16.17. The school's filtering system protects pupils and staff from viewing extremist content.
- 16.18. Concerns regarding a staff member or pupil being radicalised online are dealt with in line with the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and Prevent Policy.

17. Remote learning

- 17.1. All remote learning is delivered in line with the school's Pupil Remote Learning Policy.
- 17.2. All staff and pupils using video communication must:
- Communicate in groups
 - Wear suitable clothing – this includes others in their household.
 - Be situated in a suitable 'public' living area within the home with an appropriate background – 'private' living areas within the home, such as bedrooms, are not permitted during video communication.
 - Use appropriate language – this includes others in their household.
 - Maintain the standard of behaviour expected in school.
 - Use the necessary equipment and computer programs as intended.
 - Not record, store, or distribute video material without permission.
 - Ensure they have a stable connection to avoid disruption to lessons.
 - Always remain aware that they are visible.
- 17.3. All staff and pupils using audio communication must:
- Use appropriate language – this includes others in their household.
 - Maintain the standard of behaviour expected in school.
 - Use the necessary equipment and computer programs as intended.
 - Not record, store, or distribute audio material without permission.
 - Ensure they have a stable connection to avoid disruption to lessons.
 - Always remain aware that they can be heard.

- 17.4. The school will consider whether one-to-one sessions are appropriate in some circumstances, e.g. to provide support for pupils with SEND. This will be decided and approved by the Headteacher, in collaboration with the SENCO.
- 17.5. Pupils not using devices or software as intended will be disciplined in line with the Behavioural Policy.
- 17.6. The school will risk assess the technology used for remote learning prior to use and ensure that there are no privacy issues or scope for inappropriate use.
- 17.7. The school will consult with parents at least two weeks prior to the period of remote learning about what methods of delivering remote teaching are most suitable – alternate arrangements will be made where necessary.
- 17.8. The school will ensure that all school-owned equipment and technology used for remote learning has suitable anti-virus software installed, can establish secure connections, can recover lost work, and allows for audio and visual material to be recorded or downloaded, where required.
- 17.9. The school will communicate to parents in writing about any precautionary measures that need to be put in place if their child is learning remotely using their own/family-owned equipment and technology, e.g. ensuring that their internet connection is secure.
- 17.10. During the period of remote learning, the school will maintain regular contact with parents to:
 - Reinforce the importance of children staying safe online.
 - Ensure parents are aware of what their children are being asked to do, e.g. sites they have been asked to use and staff they will interact with.
 - Encourage them to set age-appropriate parental controls on devices and internet filters to block malicious websites.
 - Direct parents to useful resources to help them keep their children safe online.
- 17.11. The school will not be responsible for providing access to the internet off the school premises and will not be responsible for providing online safety software, e.g. anti-virus software, on devices not owned by the school.

18. Monitoring and review

- 18.1. The school recognises that the online world is constantly changing; therefore, the ICT technicians and the Headteacher/DSL/DDSL conduct termly light-touch reviews of this policy to evaluate its effectiveness.
- 18.2. The Local Governing Board, Headteacher/DSL/DDSL review this policy in full on an biennial basis and following any online safety incidents.

18.3. The next scheduled review date for this policy is Nov 24

Any changes made to this policy are communicated to all members of the school community.

Appendix 1: Online harms and risks – curriculum coverage

[The table below contains information from the DfE’s ‘Teaching online safety in schools’ guidance about what areas of online risk schools should teach pupils about. You can use this to assist your school in developing its own online safety curriculum; however, you must develop your curriculum in line with your local needs and the needs of your pupils.]

How to navigate the internet and manage information

Some online activities have age restrictions because they include content which is not appropriate for children under a specific age.

This risk or harm is covered in the following curriculum area(s):

Age restrictions

Teaching includes the following:

- That age verification exists and why some online platforms ask users to verify their age
- Why age restrictions exist
- That content that requires age verification can be damaging to under-age consumers
- What the age of digital consent is (13 for most platforms) and why it is important

- Health education
- Computing curriculum

Knowing what happens to information, comments or images that are put online.

This risk or harm is covered in the following curriculum area(s):

How content can be used and shared

Teaching includes the following:

- What a digital footprint is, how it develops and how it can affect pupils’ futures
- How cookies work
- How content can be shared, tagged and traced
- How difficult it is to remove something once it has been shared online
- What is illegal online, e.g. youth-produced sexual imagery (sexting)

- Relationships education
- Health education
- Computing curriculum

Disinformation, misinformation and hoaxes

Some information shared online is accidentally or intentionally wrong, misleading or exaggerated.

Teaching includes the following:

This risk or harm is covered in the following curriculum area(s):

- Disinformation and why individuals or groups choose to share false information in order to deliberately deceive
- Misinformation and being aware that false and misleading information can be shared inadvertently
- Online hoaxes, which can be deliberately and inadvertently spread for a variety of reasons
- That the widespread nature of this sort of content can often appear to be a stamp of authenticity, making it important to evaluate what is seen online
- How to measure and check authenticity online
- The potential consequences of sharing information that may not be true

Fake websites and scam emails are used to extort data, money, images and other things that can either be used by the scammer to harm the person targeted or sold on for financial, or other, gain.

Teaching includes the following:

Fake websites
and scam emails

- How to recognise fake URLs and websites
- What secure markings on websites are and how to assess the sources of emails
- The risks of entering information to a website which is not secure
- What pupils should do if they are harmed/targeted/groomed as a result of interacting with a fake website or scam email
- Who pupils should go to for support

Fraud can take place online and can have serious consequences for individuals and organisations.

Teaching includes the following:

Online fraud

- What identity fraud, scams and phishing are
- That children are sometimes targeted to access adults' data
- What 'good' companies will and will not do when it comes to personal details

Password phishing is the process by which people try to find out individuals' passwords so they can access protected content.

Password
phishing

Teaching includes the following:

- Relationships education
- Health education
- **[KS2 and above]** Computing curriculum

This risk or harm is covered in the following curriculum area(s):

- Relationships education
- Health education
- Computing curriculum

This risk or harm is covered in the following curriculum area(s):

- Relationships education
- Computing curriculum

This risk or harm is covered in the following curriculum area(s):

- Why passwords are important, how to keep them safe and that others might try to get people to reveal them
- How to recognise phishing scams
- The importance of online security to protect against viruses that are designed to gain access to password information
- What to do when a password is compromised or thought to be compromised

Online platforms and search engines gather personal data – this is often referred to as ‘harvesting’ or ‘farming’.

Teaching includes the following:

Personal data

- How cookies work
- How data is farmed from sources which look neutral
- How and why personal data is shared by online companies
- How pupils can protect themselves and that acting quickly is essential when something happens
- The rights children have with regards to their data
- How to limit the data companies can gather

Many devices, apps and games are designed to keep users online for longer than they might have planned or desired.

Persuasive design

Teaching includes the following:

- That the majority of games and platforms are designed to make money – their primary driver is to encourage people to stay online for as long as possible
- How notifications are used to pull users back online

Almost all devices, websites, apps and other online services come with privacy settings that can be used to control what is shared.

Privacy settings

Teaching includes the following:

- Relationships education
- Computing curriculum

This risk or harm is covered in the following curriculum area(s):

- Relationships education
- Computing curriculum

This risk or harm is covered in the following curriculum area(s):

- Health education
- Computing curriculum

This risk or harm is covered in the following curriculum area(s):

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to find information about privacy settings on various devices and platforms • That privacy settings have limitations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationships education • Computing curriculum
	<p>Much of the information seen online is a result of some form of targeting.</p> <p>Teaching includes the following:</p>	<p>This risk or harm is covered in the following curriculum area(s):</p>
Targeting of online content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How adverts seen at the top of online searches and social media have often come from companies paying to be on there and different people will see different adverts • How the targeting is done • The concept of clickbait and how companies can use it to draw people to their sites and services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health education • Computing curriculum
	<p>How to stay safe online</p> <p>Some online behaviours are abusive. They are negative in nature, potentially harmful and, in some cases, can be illegal.</p> <p>Teaching includes the following:</p>	<p>This risk or harm is covered in the following curriculum area(s):</p>
Online abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The types of online abuse, including sexual harassment, bullying, trolling and intimidation • When online abuse can become illegal • How to respond to online abuse and how to access support • How to respond when the abuse is anonymous • The potential implications of online abuse • What acceptable and unacceptable online behaviours look like 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationships education • Health education • Computing curriculum
	<p>Online challenges acquire mass followings and encourage others to take part in what they suggest.</p> <p>Teaching includes the following:</p>	<p>This risk or harm is covered in the following curriculum area(s):</p>
Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What an online challenge is and that, while some will be fun and harmless, others may be dangerous and even illegal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationships education

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to assess if the challenge is safe or potentially harmful, including considering who has generated the challenge and why • That it is okay to say no and to not take part in a challenge • How and where to go for help • The importance of telling an adult about challenges which include threats or secrecy – ‘chain letter’ style challenges <p>Knowing that violence can be incited online and escalate very quickly into offline violence.</p> <p>Teaching includes the following:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health education
Content which incites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That online content (sometimes gang related) can glamorise the possession of weapons and drugs • That to intentionally encourage or assist in an offence is also a criminal offence • How and where to get help if they are worried about involvement in violence <p>Not everyone online is who they say they are.</p> <p>Teaching includes the following:</p>	<p>This risk or harm is covered in the following curriculum area(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationships education • <p>This risk or harm is covered in the following curriculum area(s):</p>
Fake profiles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That, in some cases, profiles may be people posing as someone they are not or may be ‘bots’ • How to look out for fake profiles <p>Knowing about the different types of grooming and motivations for it, e.g. radicalisation, child sexual abuse and exploitation (CSAE) and gangs (county lines).</p> <p>Teaching includes the following:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationships education • Computing curriculum <p>This risk or harm is covered in the following curriculum area(s):</p>
Grooming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boundaries in friendships with peers, in families, and with others • Key indicators of grooming behaviour • The importance of disengaging from contact with suspected grooming and telling a trusted adult • How and where to report grooming both in school and to the police 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationships education

At all stages, it is important to balance teaching pupils about making sensible decisions to stay safe whilst being clear it is never the fault of the child who is abused and why victim blaming is always wrong.

Live streaming (showing a video of yourself in real-time online either privately or to a public audience) can be popular with children, but it carries a risk when carrying out and watching it.

Teaching includes the following:

Live streaming

- What the risks of carrying out live streaming are, e.g. the potential for people to record livestreams and share the content
- The importance of thinking carefully about who the audience might be and if pupils would be comfortable with whatever they are streaming being shared widely
- That online behaviours should mirror offline behaviours and that this should be considered when making a livestream
- That pupils should not feel pressured to do something online that they would not do offline
- Why people sometimes do and say things online that they would never consider appropriate offline
- The risk of watching videos that are being livestreamed, e.g. there is no way of knowing what will be shown next
- The risks of grooming

This risk or harm is covered in the following curriculum area(s):

- Relationships education

Knowing that sexually explicit material presents a distorted picture of sexual behaviours.

Teaching includes the following:

Pornography

- That pornography is not an accurate portrayal of adult sexual relationships
- That viewing pornography can lead to skewed beliefs about sex and, in some circumstances, can normalise violent sexual behaviour
- That not all people featured in pornographic material are doing so willingly, i.e. revenge porn or people trafficked into sex work

This risk or harm is covered in the following curriculum area(s):

Knowing different strategies for staying safe when communicating with others, especially people they do not know or have not met.

Teaching includes the following:

Unsafe communication

- That communicating safely online and protecting your privacy and data is important, regardless of who you are communicating with
- How to identify indicators of risk and unsafe communications
- The risks associated with giving out addresses, phone numbers or email addresses to people pupils do not know, or arranging to meet someone they have not met before
- What online consent is and how to develop strategies to confidently say no to both friends and strangers online

This risk or harm is covered in the following curriculum area(s):

- Relationships education
- Computing curriculum

Wellbeing

Knowing about the impact of comparisons to 'unrealistic' online images.

Impact on confidence (including body confidence)

Teaching includes the following:

- The issue of using image filters and digital enhancement
- The role of social media influencers, including that they are paid to influence the behaviour of their followers
- The issue of photo manipulation, including why people do it and how to look out for it

Knowing how to identify when online behaviours stop being fun and begin to create anxiety, including that there needs to be a balance between time spent online and offline.

This risk or harm is covered in the following curriculum area(s):

Impact on quality of life, physical and mental health and relationships

Teaching includes the following:

- How to evaluate critically what pupils are doing online, why they are doing it and for how long (screen time)
- How to consider quality vs. quantity of online activity
- The need for pupils to consider if they are actually enjoying being online or just doing it out of habit due to peer pressure or the fear of missing out

This risk or harm is covered in the following curriculum area(s):

- Health education

- That time spent online gives users less time to do other activities, which can lead some users to become physically inactive
- The impact that excessive social media usage can have on levels of anxiety, depression and other mental health issues
- That isolation and loneliness can affect pupils and that it is very important for them to discuss their feelings with an adult and seek support
- Where to get help

People can often behave differently online to how they would act face to face.

Teaching includes the following:

Online vs. offline behaviours

- How and why people can often portray an exaggerated picture of their lives (especially online) and how that can lead to pressures around having perfect/curated lives
- How and why people are unkind or hurtful online when they would not necessarily be unkind to someone face to face

What users post can affect future career opportunities and relationships – both positively and negatively.

This risk or harm is covered in the following curriculum area(s):

- Relationships education

Reputational damage

Teaching includes the following:

- Strategies for positive use
- How to build a professional online profile

Suicide, self-harm and eating disorders

Pupils may raise topics including eating disorders, self-harm and suicide. Teachers must be aware of the risks of encouraging or making these seem a more viable option for pupils and should take care to avoid giving instructions or methods and avoid using language, videos and images.

This risk or harm is covered in the following curriculum area(s):

Technology acceptable use agreement – staff

Name of school: Beresford Memorial First School

Date:

Whilst our school promotes the use of technology, and understands the positive effects it can have on enhancing pupils' learning and community engagement, we must also ensure that staff use technology appropriately. Any misuse of technology will not be taken lightly and will be reported to the Headteacher in order for any necessary further action to be taken.

This acceptable use agreement is designed to outline staff responsibilities when using technology, whether this is via personal devices or school devices, or on/off the school premises, and applies to all staff, volunteers, contractors and visitors.

Please read this document carefully, and sign below to show you agree to the terms outlined.

1. Using technology in school

- I will only use ICT systems, such as computers (including laptops) and tablets, which have been permitted for my use by the Headteacher.
- I will only use the approved email accounts that have been provided to me.
- I will not use personal emails to send and receive personal data or information.
- I will not share sensitive personal data with any other pupils, staff or third parties unless explicit consent has been received.
- I will ensure that any personal data is stored in line with the GDPR.
- I will delete any chain letters, spam and other emails from unknown sources without opening them.
- I will ensure that I obtain permission prior to accessing learning materials from unapproved sources.
- I will only use the internet for personal use during out-of-school hours, including break and lunch times.
- I will not search for, view, download, upload or transmit any explicit or inappropriate material when using the internet.
- I will not share school-related passwords with pupils, staff or third parties unless permission has been given for me to do so.

- I will not install any software onto school ICT systems unless instructed to do so by the ICT technician or Headteacher.
- I will ensure any school-owned device is protected by anti-virus software and that I check this on a weekly basis.
- I will only use recommended removable media and will keep this securely stored in line with the GDPR.
- I will only store data on removable media or other technological devices that has been encrypted or pseudonymised.
- I will only store sensitive personal data where it is absolutely necessary and which is encrypted.
- I will provide removable media to the ICT technician for safe disposal once I am finished with it.

2. Mobile devices

- I will only use school-owned mobile devices for educational purposes.
- I will only use personal mobile devices during out-of-school hours, or in the staffroom during break and lunch times.
- I will ensure that mobile devices are either switched off or set to silent mode during school hours, and will only make or receive calls in specific areas, e.g. the staffroom.
- I will ensure mobile devices are stored out of sight in the staffroom or classroom during lesson times.
- I will not use mobile devices to take images or videos of pupils or staff – I will seek permission from the Headteacher before any school-owned mobile device is used to take images or recordings.
- I will not use mobile devices to send inappropriate messages, images or recordings.
- I will ensure that personal and school-owned mobile devices do not contain any inappropriate or illegal content.
- I will not access the WiFi system using personal mobile devices, unless permission has been given by the Headteacher or ICT technician.
- I will not use personal and school-owned mobile devices to communicate with pupils or parents.
- I will not store any images or videos of pupils, staff or parents on any mobile device unless consent has been sought from the individual(s) in the images or videos.
- In line with the above, I will only process images or videos of pupils, staff or parents for the activities for which consent has been sought.
- I will ensure that any school data stored on personal mobile devices is encrypted and pseudonymised and give permission for the ICT technician to erase and wipe data off my device if it is lost or as part of exit procedures.

3. Social media and online professionalism

- If I am representing the school online, e.g. through blogging or on school social media account, I will express neutral opinions and will not disclose any confidential information regarding the school, or any information that may affect its reputability.

- I will not use any school-owned mobile devices to access personal social networking sites, unless it is beneficial to the material being taught; I will gain permission from the Headteacher before accessing the site.
- I will not communicate with pupils or parents over personal social networking sites.
- I will not accept 'friend requests' from any pupils or parents over personal social networking sites.
- I will ensure that I apply the necessary privacy settings to any social networking sites.
- I will not publish any comments or posts about the school on any social networking sites which may affect the school's reputability.
- I will not post or upload any defamatory, objectionable, copyright infringing or private material, including images and videos of pupils, staff or parents, on any online website.
- I will not post or upload any images and videos of pupils, staff or parents on any online website without consent from the individual(s) in the images or videos.
- In line with the above, I will only post images or videos of pupils, staff or parents for the activities for which consent has been sought.
- I will not give my home address, phone number, mobile number, social networking details or email addresses to pupils or parents – any contact with parents will be done through authorised school contact channels.

4. Working at home

- I will adhere to the principles of the GDPR when taking work home.
- I will ensure I obtain permission from the Headteacher and data protection officer (DPO) before any personal data is transferred from a school-owned device to a personal device.
- I will ensure any data transferred from a school-owned device to a personal device is encrypted or pseudonymised.
- I will ensure any sensitive personal data is not transferred to a personal device unless completely necessary – and, when doing so, that it is encrypted.
- I will ensure my personal device has been assessed for security by the DPO and ICT technician before it is used for lone-working.
- I will ensure no unauthorised persons, such as family members or friends, access any personal devices used for lone-working.

5. Training

- I will ensure I participate in any e-safety or online training offered to me, and will remain up-to-date with current developments in social media and the internet as a whole.
- I will ensure that I allow the ICT technician and DPO to undertake regular audits to identify any areas of need I may have in relation to training.
- I will ensure I employ methods of good practice and act as a role model for pupils when using the internet and other digital devices.
- I will ensure that I deliver any training to pupils as required.

6. Reporting misuse

- I will ensure that I adhere to any responsibility I have for monitoring, as outlined in the Online Safety Policy, e.g. to monitor pupils' internet usage.
- I will ensure that I report any misuse by pupils, or by staff members breaching the procedures outlined in this agreement, to the Headteacher.
- I understand that my use of the internet will be monitored by the ICT technician and recognise the consequences if I breach the terms of this agreement.
- I understand that the Headteacher may decide to take disciplinary action against me in accordance with the Disciplinary Policy and Procedure, if I breach this agreement.

I certify that I have read and understood this agreement, and ensure that I will abide by each principle.

Signed:

Date:

Print name:

Devices user agreement – staff

This agreement is between Beresford Memorial First School and (staff name) _____ and is valid for the academic year of _____.

Beresford Memorial First School has created this agreement to ensure that the above-named member of staff understands their responsibilities when using school-owned devices, such as mobile phones and tablets, whether on or off the school premises.

Please read this document carefully, ensuring you understand what is expected, and sign below to show you agree to the terms outlined.

The school

Beresford Memorial First School retains sole right of possession of any school-owned device and may transfer the device to another teacher if you do not, or are unable to, for any reason, fulfil the requirements of this agreement.

Under this agreement, the school will:

- Provide devices for your sole use while you are a permanent full-time or part-time teacher at the school.
- Ensure devices are set up to enable you to connect to, and make effective use of, the school network.
- Ensure the relevant persons, such as the ICT technician, have installed the necessary security measures on any school-owned device before your use – including, but not limited to, the following:
 - Firewalls
 - Malware protection
 - User privileges
 - Filtering systems
 - Password protection and encryption
 - Mail security technology
 - Tracking technology
- Ensure that all devices undergo the following regular checks and updates by the ICT technician, in line with school policy:
 - Termly updates to malware protection
 - Termly software updates
 - Annual password re-set requirements
 - Termly checks to detect any unchanged default passwords
 - Malware scans in line with specific requirements

- Plan and manage the integration of devices into the school environment, and provide the professional development required to enable you to use the devices safely and effectively.
- When required, expect you to pay an excess for accidental damage or loss repair/replacement costs, where loss or damage is a result of your own negligence.

Under this agreement, you will:

Overall use and care

- Bring the device and charging unit to the school each day and keep the device with you, or within your sight, at all times.
- Transport the device safely using the cover and carry case, if necessary, issued with the device.
- Not permit any other individual to use the device without your supervision, unless agreed by the Headteacher.
- Take responsibility for any other individual using the device.
- Provide suitable care for the device at all times and not do anything that would permanently alter it in any way.
- Lock the device screen when not in use with a passcode.
- Keep the device clean.
- Store devices in a lockable cupboard located in the staffroom or classroom during lesson times.
- Ensure all devices are switched off or set to silent mode during school hours.
- Immediately report any damage or loss of the device to the ICT technician.
- Ensure any tracking technology applied is active at all times.
- Immediately report any viruses or reduced functionality following a download or access to a site, to the ICT technician.
- Be prepared to cover the insurance excess, repair or replacement of the device when the damage or loss has been a result of your own negligence.
- Make arrangements for the return of the device and passcode to the ICT technician if your employment ends or if you will be away from the school for more than one week.

Using devices

- Only use the devices that have been permitted for your use by the Headteacher.
- Only use devices for educational purposes.
- Only use apps that are GDPR-compliant and from reputable sources.
- Ensure that any personal data is stored in line with the GDPR.
- Only store sensitive personal data on your device where absolutely necessary and which is encrypted.
- Ensure any school data stored on a device is encrypted and pseudonymised.
- Give permission for the ICT technician to erase and wipe data off your device if it is lost, or as part of exit procedures.
- Obtain permission prior to accessing learning materials from unapproved sources.
- Not search for, view, download, upload or transmit any explicit or inappropriate material when using the internet.

- Not share any passwords with pupils, staff or third parties unless permission has been sought from the Headteacher.
- Not install any software onto your device unless instructed to do so by the ICT technician or Headteacher.
- Ensure your device is protected by anti-virus software installed by the ICT technician and that this is checked on a weekly basis.
- Not use your device to take images or videos of pupils, staff or parents unless permission has been granted from the Headteacher.
- Not store any images or videos of pupils, staff or parents on your device unless consent has been sought from the individual(s) in the images or videos.
- In line with the above, only process images or videos of pupils, staff or parents for the activities for which consent has been sought.
- Not use your device to communicate with pupils or parents, unless permission has been sought from the Headteacher.
- Not use your device to send any inappropriate messages, images or recordings.
- Ensure that your device does not contain inappropriate or illegal content.
- Only access social media sites as approved by the Headteacher on your device, and ensure they are used in accordance with the Technology Acceptable Use Agreement.
- Allow the ICT technician to monitor your usage of your device, such as internet access, and understand the consequences if you breach the terms of this agreement.

Insurance cover provides protection from the standard risks whilst the device is on the school premises or in your home but excludes theft from your car or other establishments. Should you leave the device unattended and it is stolen, you will be responsible for its replacement and may need to claim this from your insurance company or pay yourself.

Failure to agree to, or abide by, these terms will lead to the device being returned to the school and serious breaches may result in disciplinary action.

I certify that I have read and understood this agreement and ensure that I will abide by each principle.

Signed:

Date:

Print name:

Device model and number:

Child-friendly technology acceptable use agreement

At Beresford Memorial First School, we know that it can be fun to use technology as part of your learning experience. We want everyone to be able to use technology, like computers and tablets, but it is important that you are safe when you are using them.

We have created this agreement to help you understand how to be safe when you are using technology. Please read this carefully and sign your name to show that you understand your responsibilities when using technology. Ask your teacher if there is something that you do not understand.



I will:

- ✓ Only use technology, such as a computer, when a teacher has given me permission.
- ✓ Only use technology for the reason I have been asked to use it.
- ✓ Only use the internet when a teacher has given me permission.
- ✓ Ask for help when I have a problem using the technology.
- ✓ Look after the device and try not to damage it.
- ✓ Tell the teacher if my device is not working or damaged.
- ✓ Tell the teacher if I think someone else is not using technology safely or correctly.
- ✓ Tell the teacher if I see something online that I think is inappropriate or that makes me upset.

I will not:

- Tell another pupil my username and password.
- Share personal information, such as my age and where I live, about myself or my friends online.
- Access social media, such as Facebook and WhatsApp.
- Speak to strangers on the internet.
- Take photos of myself or my friends using a school device.

Please read each statement and provide a tick to show that you agree, and then write



your name below.

- I understand why it is important to use technology safely and correctly.
- I understand my responsibilities when using technology.
- I understand that I may not be allowed to use technology if I do not use it safely and correctly.
- I will follow these rules at all times.

Pupil name (please print):

Date:

Parent name (please print):

Parent signature:

Date:

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 and pupils need to be aware of the risks associated with sharing images and with posting digital images on the internet. Those images may remain available on the internet forever and may cause harm or embarrassment to individuals in the short or longer term. There are many reported incidents of employers carrying 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 e.g. on social networking sites.**
- Staff are allowed to take digital / video images to support educational aims, but must follow school policies concerning the sharing, distribution and publication of those images. Those images should only be taken on school equipment; the personal equipment of staff must **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, particularly in association with photographs.
- Written permission from parents or carers will be obtained before photographs of pupils are published on the school website. Parents/carers may withdraw consent at any time by making a written notice to the school.
- We will not include personal e-mail or postal addresses, or telephone or fax numbers on video, on our website, in our school prospectus or in other printed publications.
- Pupil's work can only be published with the permission of the pupil and parents or carers.

Please note

The press, in certain circumstances are exempt from the GDPR 2018 Act and may want to include the names and personal details of children and adults in the media.

Parents, family members and friends taking photographs of children within school at events such as plays and sports day for their personal, domestic use is also exempt from the GDPR 2018 Act and therefore do not need to gain consent. Publishing such images on social media of their children is allowed as that is personal choice. Publishing images of children other than their own will require consent of those children parents.

Use of Digital/Video Images Agreement

The use of digital / video images plays an important part in learning activities. Pupils and members of staff may use digital cameras to record evidence of activities in lessons and out of school. These images may then be used in presentations in subsequent lessons. Images may also be used to celebrate success through their publication in newsletters, on the school website and occasionally in the public media.

The school will comply with the GDPR 2018 Act and request parents / carers permission before taking images of members of the school. We will also ensure that when images are published that the young people can not be identified by the use of their surnames. Parents are requested to sign the permission form below to allow the school to take and use images of their children.

Permission Form

Parent / Carers Name

Pupils Name

As the parent / carer of the above pupil, I agree to the school taking and using digital / video images of my child. I understand that the images will only be used to support learning activities or in publicity that reasonably celebrates success and promotes the work of the school.

I agree that if I take digital or video images at, or of school events which include images of children, other than my own, I will abide by these guidelines in my use of these images.

Signed

Date