



Simonside Primary School

E – Safety Policy – 2016 - 2017

The school e-Safety Coordinator is Mr Thoburn.

Teaching and learning

- The purpose of Internet use in school is to raise educational standards, to promote pupil achievement, to support the professional work of staff and to enhance the school's management functions.
- Internet use is part of the statutory curriculum and a necessary tool for learning.
- Internet access is an entitlement for students who show a responsible and mature approach to its use.
- 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 quality Internet access as part of their learning experience.
- Pupils use the Internet widely outside school and will need to learn how to evaluate Internet information and to take care of their own safety and security.
- The school Internet access will be designed expressly for pupil use and will include filtering appropriate to the age of pupils.
- Pupils will be taught what Internet use is acceptable and what is not and given clear objectives for Internet use.
- Internet access will be planned to enrich and extend learning activities. Access levels will be reviewed to reflect the curriculum requirements and age of pupils.
- Staff should guide pupils in on-line activities that will support the learning outcomes planned for the pupils' age and maturity.
- Pupils will be educated in the effective use of the Internet in research, including the skills of knowledge location, retrieval and evaluation.
- The school will ensure that the copying and subsequent use of Internet derived materials by staff and pupils complies with copyright law.
- Pupils will be taught to acknowledge the source of information used and to respect copyright when using Internet material in their own work

Management of e-mail

- Pupils may only use approved e-mail accounts in school
- Pupils must immediately tell a teacher if they receive offensive e-mail.
- Pupils must not reveal personal details of themselves or others in e-mail communication, or arrange to meet anyone without specific permission.
- Management of published material

School Website

The contact details on the website should be the school address, e-mail and telephone number. The only staff information to be published on the school website and blogs are staff surnames and job titles. No surnames of pupils will be used on the school website, blogs or newsletters. When a photo of the child is present on the website, there will be no name provided.

E-mail addresses should be published carefully, to avoid spam harvesting.

The head teacher will take overall editorial responsibility and ensure that content is accurate and appropriate. The website should comply with the school's guidelines for publications including respect for intellectual property rights and copyright.

Images that include pupils will be selected carefully and will not enable individual pupils to be clearly identified.

A letter notifying Parents/Carers about the use of their child's photograph on the school website will be sent out at the start of every academic year. Parental permission will be collected and this will be applicable for 5 years or the length of time that the child attends Simonside.

Management of social networking and personal publishing

- The school will block access to social networking sites.
- Pupils will be advised never to give out personal details of any kind which may identify them and / or their location. Examples would include real name, address, mobile or landline phone numbers, school attended, IM and e-mail addresses, full names of friends, specific interests and clubs etc.
- Pupils will be advised not to place personal photos on any social network space. They should consider how public the information is and consider using private areas. Advice should be given regarding background detail in a photograph which could identify the student or his/her location eg. house number, street name or school.
- Pupils will be advised on security and encouraged to set passwords, deny access to unknown individuals and instructed how to block unwanted communications.
- We are aware that bullying can take place through social networking especially when a space has been setup without a password and others are invited to see the bully's comments.
- If staff or pupils discover unsuitable sites, the URL must be reported to the e-Safety Coordinator.

How will emerging technologies be managed?

Emerging technologies will be examined for educational benefit and a risk assessment will be carried out before use in school is allowed.

Mobile phones will not be used during lessons or formal school time. The sending of abusive or inappropriate text messages is forbidden.

Children with a mobile phone must hand them to the office in the morning. Staff will not have mobile phones on their person during lesson times.

Authorised Internet access

- All staff must read and sign the 'Staff Information Systems Code of Conduct' before using any school ICT resource.
- At Key Stage 1, access to the Internet will be by adult demonstration with occasional directly supervised access to specific, approved on-line materials.
- Parents will be asked to sign and return a consent form for pupil access.
- The school will take all reasonable precautions to ensure that users access only appropriate material. However, due to the global and connected nature of Internet content, it is not possible to guarantee that access to unsuitable material will never occur via a school computer. Neither the school nor LA can accept liability for the material accessed, or any consequences resulting from Internet use.
- Complaints of Internet misuse will be dealt with by a senior member of staff.
- Any complaint about staff misuse must be referred to the Head teacher.
- E-Safety rules will be posted in rooms with Internet access.
- Pupils will be informed that network and Internet use will be monitored.
- An e-safety training programme is delivered across the school to raise the awareness and importance of safe and responsible internet use.
- Instruction in responsible and safe use should precede Internet access.

Staff e-safety awareness

- All staff will be given the School e-Safety Policy and its application and importance explained.
- Staff should be aware that Internet traffic is monitored and traced to the individual user. Discretion and professional conduct is essential.
- Staff that manage filtering systems or monitor ICT use will be supervised by senior management and have clear procedures for reporting issues.
- Staff training in safe and responsible Internet use and on the school e-Safety Policy will be provided to all staff.

Community and parent awareness

- Parents' attention will be drawn to the school's e-Safety Policy in newsletters, the school brochure, e safety meetings and on the school website.
- Internet issues will be handled sensitively, and parents will be advised accordingly.
- A partnership approach with parents will be encouraged. This will include parent evenings with demonstrations and suggestions for safe home Internet use.
- Parents are able to contact Mr Thoburn via the school office to discuss an e-safety issues or concerns.

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