

Link School Safeguarding Update

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E Safety



Breaches of E - Safety

- Breaches of an e-Safety policy can and have led to civil, disciplinary and criminal action being taken against staff, learners and members of the wider school community.
- It is crucial that all settings are aware of the offline consequences that online actions can have.
- The Link School are aware of their legal obligations to safeguard and protect children on and offline and the accountability of these decisions will sit with the Principal and the Governing body.

What E Safety?

E-Safety covers issues relating to children and young people as well as adults and their safe use of the Internet, mobile phones and other electronic communications technologies, both in and out of school. It includes education for all members of the school community on risks and responsibilities and is part of the 'duty of care' which applies to everyone working with children.

Why is E Safety Important?

Schools must be aware that children and staff cannot be completely prevented from being exposed to risks both on and offline. Children should be empowered and educated so that they are equipped with the skills to make safe and responsible decisions as well as to feel able to report any concerns.

Good E – Safety Practice

- All members of staff are aware of the importance of good E- Safety practice in the classroom in order to educate and protect the children in their care.
- Members of staff are informed about how to manage their own professional reputation online and demonstrate appropriate online behaviours compatible with their role.



Cyberbullying

- Cyberbullying (along with all other forms of bullying) of any member of the academy community will not be tolerated.
- Full details are set out in the academy's policy on anti-bullying and behaviour.
- There are clear procedures in place to support anyone in the school community affected by cyberbullying.
- All incidents of cyberbullying reported to the academy will be recorded.
- There will be clear procedures in place to investigate incidents or allegations of Cyberbullying.

Advice for learners

- **Childline:** www.childline.org.uk
- **Childnet:** www.childnet.com
- **Click Clever Click Safe Campaign:** <http://clickcleverclicksafe.direct.gov.uk>
- **Cybermentors:** www.cybermentors.org.uk

Advice for parents

- **Digizen:** www.digizen.org.uk
- **Internet Watch Foundation (IWF):** www.iwf.org.uk
- **Police:** In an emergency (a life is in danger or a crime in progress) dial 999. For other non-urgent enquiries dial 101.
- **Sunderland Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB):** www.sscb.org.uk
- **Think U Know website:** www.thinkuknow.co.uk
- **Virtual Global Taskforce — Report Abuse:** www.virtualglobaltaskforce.com