



E Safety Policy

Policy

Statement of intent

Protecting young people and adults properly means thinking beyond the school environment. Broadband, Wi-Fi and 3/4G connections mean the world wide web is available anywhere, anytime. Moreover, the introduction of the internet on games consoles, tablets and mobile phones mean it is becoming increasingly difficult to safeguard our children from the dangers hidden in cyberspace.

Our children will not only be working online in school or at home; their personal devices are not always covered by network protection and it is, therefore, imperative that they are educated on the risks involved with using the internet and are provided with guidance and a range of strategies on how to act if they see, hear or read something that makes them feel uncomfortable.

As a result, designing and implementing an E-safety Policy demands the involvement of a wide range of interest groups within the Trust's schools: the governors, headteacher, SLT, SENCO, DSL, classroom teachers, support staff, young people or parents, LA personnel, internet service providers (ISP), and regional broadband consortia, working closely with ISPs on network security measures.

E-safety is a child protection issue, and indeed it should not be managed primarily by the ICT team. It should be an extension of general safeguarding and led by the same people, so that, for instance, cyber bullying is considered alongside real-world bullying.

Due to the differing operational nature of its Academies, the Trust requires each Academy to hold an e-safety Policy which is updated annually, (or more regularly if the need arises). Academies will submit each revision of the Policy to the CEO and Chair of the Trust.

In signing this policy, the below signatories confirm to have received the up-to-date Policies from each of the Trust's Academies.

Policy Issued: November 2019

Next Review: November 2020

Signature of Chair of Trustees:

Signature of Chief Executive Officer: