



Theale C of E Primary School

E-Safety Policy

At Theale CE Primary School, the children come first. They are central to every decision made in school. We will ensure that our children are happy and successful. They will grow to be ambitious and resilient and their talents will be nurtured so they become highly skilled. Our children will be courageous and always behave with integrity.

“And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This *is* the first commandment. And the second, like *it, is* this: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” *Mark 12: v 30-31*

“I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly.”
John 10:10

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Introduction and links with other policies

This policy links closely with the school's Acceptable Use of Technology policy and Computing Policy, and relates to other policies including those for Behaviour, P.S.H.E., and Child Protection and Safeguarding.

Purpose of the policy

We need to listen to, empower and support young people to understand and manage risks and make the digital world safer. However, we must acknowledge that we cannot make the internet completely safe. Because of this, we must also build children's resilience to the material to which they may be exposed, help build their confidence. The school promotes online safety for all pupils and staff through its procedures by raising awareness of online risk and safety measures (e-safety).

This policy exists to set out the school's framework for e-safety.

The aim of Theale Primary School's e-safety policy is to:

- Educate pupils about e-safety issues and appropriate behaviours so that they remain safe and legal online through awareness of such things as the potential risks of some websites, email, instant messaging, chat rooms, social media, mobile phones, blogs, podcasts, downloads and virtual learning platforms.
- Help pupils to develop the skills to reflect and enable them to keep themselves safe.
- Foster a collaborative approach to e-safety, with the involvement of parents and carers, keeping them informed of new and emerging e-safety risks, and involving them in strategies to keep pupils safe online.
- Keep up to date with the latest risks to children whilst using technology
- Liaise with IT technical support as required, to ensure the continuing safety of pupils
- Use our safeguarding software, to include incidents relating to e-safety, ensuring staff know what to report and that there is an appropriate audit trail.
- Make provision as appropriate for pupils with SEND, recognising that some pupils may have increased vulnerability to risk online.
- Ensure all staff are aware of school protocol governing the use of communication by mobile phone, email, social networking and internet messaging between staff and pupils both on and off school premises.

Network and Device Management

See Internet Access Policy re steps taken to ensure safe and secure access to the internet in school.

Responsible Officer Headteacher

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