

SANDIWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

E-SAFETY POLICY

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<u>Rationale</u>

Together we take ownership, care for and respect each other, our environment and our community.

We ROCK! We Respect We take Ownership We are Caring and we are Kind

1. Introduction

At Sandiway Primary School, we recognize the integral role of technology in education and daily life. We are committed to ensuring that all members of our school community are safe and responsible users of technology. This E-Safety Policy outlines our approach to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of pupils in the digital world, in line with the latest statutory regulations and guidance as of January 2025.

2. Legal Framework

This policy is informed by the following legislation and guidance:

- **Teaching Online Safety in Schools** (DfE, 2023): Provides guidance on how schools can ensure pupils understand how to stay safe and behave online.
- **Keeping Children Safe in Education** (DfE, 2024): Offers statutory guidance for schools on safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, including online safety.
- Education for a Connected World Framework (UKCIS): Outlines the knowledge and skills children should have the opportunity to develop at different ages to navigate the online world safely.

3. Aims

- To educate pupils about online safety and responsible digital behaviour.
- To establish mechanisms to identify, intervene, and escalate any e-safety concerns.
- To ensure that all staff are aware of their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding pupils online.
- To engage parents and carers in supporting e-safety practices at home.

4. Roles and Responsibilities

- **E-Safety Coordinator**: Oversees the implementation of this policy, conducts regular assessments, and ensures staff training is up to date.
- **Staff**: Are responsible for promoting and modelling safe online behaviours, integrating e-safety into the curriculum, and reporting any concerns.

- **Pupils**: Are expected to adhere to the school's Acceptable Use Policy and practice safe and responsible use of technology.
- **Parents/Carers**: Are encouraged to support the school's e-safety initiatives and reinforce safe online practices at home.

5. Education and Training

- **Curriculum Integration**: E-safety is embedded across various subjects, including Computing and PSHE, to provide pupils with the knowledge and skills to navigate the online world safely.
- **Staff Training**: Regular professional development sessions are conducted to ensure staff are aware of current e-safety issues and can effectively teach and support pupils.
- **Parental Engagement**: Newsletters are provided to inform parents and carers about e-safety and how to support their children.

6. Use of Technology

- Internet Access: The school employs filtering and monitoring systems to restrict access to inappropriate content and to monitor usage.
- **Devices**: School-owned devices are managed to ensure they are used safely and responsibly.
- **Personal Devices**: The use of personal devices is governed by the school's Acceptable Use Policy.

7. Responding to Incidents

- **Reporting**: Pupils, staff, and parents are encouraged to report any e-safety concerns to the Designated safeguarding lead.
- Investigation: All reports will be taken seriously and investigated promptly, following the school's safeguarding procedures.
- **Sanctions**: Appropriate actions will be taken in line with the school's behaviour policy.

8. Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains current with emerging technologies and potential risks. Feedback from the school community will be considered in the review process.

9. Related Policies

This E-Safety Policy should be read in conjunction with the following policies:

- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Acceptable Use Policy

By fostering a culture of digital responsibility, Sandiway Primary School aims to equip pupils with the skills and knowledge to use technology safely and confidently.

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