



St. Michael's CE (Controlled) Junior School

Inspired by Him, we serve the community of St Michael's by creating an inclusive learning culture where all differences are respected, where courage is shown to face and overcome adversity, and resilience is embedded in our journey to success so we can be the very best we can be.

Online Safety Policy

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Remarks		

At St. Michael's CE Junior School we recognise the importance of ICT within the school and the Internet as being a valuable resource within our curriculum. The purpose of this policy is to define its safe use.

Education

The education of pupils in online safety is an essential part of our online safety provision. Children need the help and support of the school to recognise and avoid online safety risks and build their resilience. Online safety is a focus in all areas of the curriculum and staff will reinforce online safety messages across all subject areas.

The online safety curriculum is broad, relevant and provides progression and will be provided in the following ways:

- During Computing and PSHE lessons the SWGfL Project Evolve programme and resources provide a planned programme of teaching online safety through the following strands:
 - Online relationships and online reputation;
 - Managing information online;
 - Self-image and identity;
 - Health, wellbeing and lifestyle;
 - Online bullying;
 - Privacy and security;
 - Copyright and ownership.
- SID's Top Tips are used to reinforce online safety and these are displayed in every classroom. They are:
 - People you don't know are strangers. They are not always who they say they are.
 - Be nice to people on the computer like you would in the playground.
 - Keep your personal information private.
 - If you ever get that 'uh oh' feeling, you should tell a grown-up you trust.
- Key online safety messages are reinforced during any lesson where children are accessing online resources.
- Children are taught in all lessons to be critically aware of the content they access online and are guided to validate the accuracy of information.
- Children are taught to acknowledge the source of information and to respect copyright when using material accessed on the internet. For example through the use of 'Creative Commons.'
- In lessons where the use of online resources are pre-planned, children will be guided to sites checked as suitable for their use and processes are in place for dealing with any unsuitable material.
- Where children are expected to freely search the internet, staff will be vigilant in monitoring the content of the websites children visit.

Pupil Access to the Internet

The internet used at school is filtered by Hampshire IT who are our service provider. However, no filtering system is fully secure and children are taught to report anything inappropriate or anything they feel uncomfortable with to a member of staff. Children will always be supervised when using the internet and always reminded of the principles they have been taught.

In line with the Safeguarding and Behaviour policies, any incidents of children misusing the internet will be dealt with accordingly.

Staff Access to the Internet

All staff have access to the internet on and off the school site. The Staff Acceptable use of ICT Policy, Staff Code of Conduct and Social Media Policy detail further guidance and procedures for staff.

Education for Parents

Online safety updates are shared with parents regularly through the school newsletter and there is a dedicated section on the school website which provides parent guides and information for parents. Parents are also given a copy of a Parent Code of Conduct which has a specific section on the use of social media and online activities.

Related Documents and Policies

Safeguarding Policy
Child Protection Policy
Staff Code of Conduct
Parent Code of Conduct
Social Media Policy
Staff Acceptable use of ICT Policy
Behaviour Policy
Data Protection Policy and Privacy Notices