Stoneraise School

E-Safety Policy

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School Governance:

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E-Safety Policy

Stoneraise School is committed to ensuring the safety of children in its care.

Information and Communications Technology (ICT) covers a wide range of resources including; web-based and mobile learning. It is also important to recognise the constant and fast-paced evolution of ICT within our society as a whole. Currently the internet technologies children and young people are using both inside school and at home include:

- Websites
- Learning Platforms (MLE) and Virtual Learning Environments
- Email and Instant Messaging
- Chat Rooms and Social Networking
- Blogs
- Podcasting
- Video Broadcasting
- Downloading from the internet
- Gaming
- Mobile/Smart phones with text, video and/or web functionality
- Other mobile devices with web functionality

At Stoneraise School we understand the responsibility to educate our pupils in e-Safety issues; teaching them the appropriate behaviours and critical thinking to enable them to remain both safe and legal when using the internet and related technologies, in and beyond the context of the classroom.

Roles and Responsibilities

As e-Safety is an important aspect of strategic leadership within the school, the Headteacher and Governors have ultimate responsibility to ensure that the policy and practices are embedded and monitored. The named e-Safety co-ordinator in our school is Mr. Clem Coady. All members of the school community have been made aware of who holds this post. It is the role of the e-Safety coordinator to keep abreast of current issues and guidance through organisations such as CEOP and 'Think U Know'.

The e-Safety coordinator updates the Senior Leadership Team and Governors. All Governors have an understanding of the issues at our school in relation to local and national guidelines and advice.

Writing and reviewing the e-Safety policy

This policy (for staff, governors, visitors and pupils), is to protect the interests and safety of the whole school community. It is linked to the following mandatory school policies:

Home-school agreements, Behaviour, Health and Safety, Child Protection/Safeguarding, and Anti-bullying.

Our e-Safety policy has been agreed by the Senior Leadership Team and Staff. The e-Safety policy and its implementation are reviewed annually.

E-Safety skills development for staff

All members of staff receive regular information and training on e-Safety issues through the coordinator at staff meetings.

All members of staff have been made aware of individual responsibilities relating to the safeguarding of children within the context of e-Safety and know what to do in the event of misuse of technology by any member of the school community.

Teaching and Learning

Internet use will enhance learning. The school will provide opportunities within a range of curriculum areas to teach e-Safety.

Educating pupils on the dangers of technologies that may be encountered outside school is done informally when opportunities arise and as part of the e-Safety curriculum.

Pupils are aware of the impact of online bullying and know how to seek help if these issues affect them. Pupils are also aware of where to seek advice or help if they experience problems when using the Internet and related technologies; i.e. parent/carer, teacher/trusted member of staff, or an organisation such as Childline/CEOP.

The school Internet access will be designed expressly for pupil use and will include filtering appropriate to the age of pupils.

Pupils will be taught what Internet use is acceptable and what is not and given clear objectives for Internet use.

Pupils will be educated in the effective use of the Internet in research, including the skills of knowledge location, retrieval and evaluation.

Managing Internet Access

<u>Information system security</u>

School ICT systems capacity and security will be reviewed regularly.

Sophos anti-Virus protection is updated regularly by Cumbria County Council.

System security is overseen by our technicians (Gemini) and Cumbria County Council.

<u>E-mail</u>

Pupils may only use approved e-mail accounts on the school system.

Pupils must not reveal personal details of themselves or others in e-mail communication, or arrange to meet anyone without specific permission.

E-mail sent to an external organisation should be written carefully and authorised before sending, in the same way as a letter written on school headed paper.

Published content and the school web site

The contact details on the school website are the school address, e-mail and telephone number. Staff or pupils' personal information is not published. The head teacher will take overall editorial responsibility and ensure that content is accurate and appropriate.

Publishing pupil's images and work

Written permission from parents or carers will be obtained before photographs of pupils are published on the school Website. This consent form is considered valid for the entire period that the child attends this school unless there is a change in the child's circumstances where consent could be an issue.

Parents/carers may withdraw permission, in writing, at any time.

Photographs that include pupils will be selected carefully and will not enable individual pupils to be clearly identified.

Pupils' full names will not be used anywhere on the school website, particularly in association with photographs.

Pupils' work can only be published by outside agencies with the permission of the pupil and parents.

Photographs taken by parents/carers for personal use

In the event of parents/carers wanting to take photographs for their own personal use, the school will demonstrate our protective ethos by announcing that photographs taken are for private retention and not for publication in any manner, including use on personal websites, e.g. School performances and assemblies etc.

Social networking and personal publishing

Pupils and parents will be advised that the use of social network spaces outside school is inappropriate and or illegal (e.g. Facebook) for primary aged pupils.

Our pupils are asked to report any incidents of bullying to the school.

School staff are advised not to add children, or parents as 'friends' if they use these sites.

Managing filtering

Cumbria County Council offers a web filtering service to all schools who subscribe to the LA package. The filtering platform offers a fast, reliable and flexible service to ensure inappropriate content is blocked. The council offer a bespoke filtering service developed and maintained by a third party provider, Lancaster University Network Services Limited. The service utilises SquidGuard to block websites and content by category using lists of inappropriate sites from a number of sources and also provides the ability to block sites at a global level, individual school level, or specific school IP address level.

Managing emerging technologies

Emerging technologies will be examined for educational benefit and a risk assessment will be carried out before use in school is allowed.

The use of portable media such as memory sticks and CD ROMS will be monitored closely as potential sources of computer virus and inappropriate material.

Pupils are not allowed to bring personal mobile devices/phones to school. Any phones that are brought to school are sent to the school office and kept there until the end of the day for parents to collect.

The sending of abusive or inappropriate text messages or emails outside school is forbidden.

Staff will use a school phone where contact with pupils is required.

Protecting personal data

The school will use information about pupils to further curriculum, professional and managerial activities in accordance with the business of the school and will contact the parents or guardians, if it is necessary, to pass information beyond the school/Cumbria County Council.

The school will hold personal information on its systems for as long as individual members of staff remain at the school and remove it in the event of staff leaving or until it is no longer required for the legitimate function of the school. We will ensure that all personal information supplied is held securely, in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Each teacher has the right to view personal information that the school holds and to have any inaccuracies corrected.

Password Security

Adult users are provided with an individual network username and password, and email address (if required). They are encouraged to change their email passwords periodically.

All members of staff are aware of the dangers inherent in leaving ScholarPack (Data Management System), for pupil-tracking and digital registers, open and of the importance of keeping passwords secret

All members of staff are aware of their individual responsibilities to protect the security and confidentiality of the school network, MIS systems.

Assessing risks

The school will take all reasonable precautions to ensure that users access only appropriate material. The school will audit ICT provision to establish if the e-Safety policy is adequate and that its implementation is effective.

Handling e-Safety complaints

Complaints of Internet misuse will be dealt with by a senior member of staff and reported to the e-Safety coordinator.

Deliberate access to inappropriate materials by any user will lead to the incident being logged by the e-Safety coordinator.

Any complaint about staff misuse must be referred to the Headteacher.

Complaints and concerns of a child protection nature must be dealt with in accordance with school child protection procedures. For example evidence of: inappropriate online relationships; a child viewing unsuitable or inappropriate images or any '18' films on a regular basis; online/digital bullying, harassment or inappropriate image sharing etc.

Pupils and parents will be informed of the complaints procedure.

Communications Policy

Introducing the e-Safety policy to pupils

E-Safety rules are displayed in the ICT suite and discussed with the pupils at the start of each term. All staff are aware that at least one dedicated e-safety lesson must be taught each term and at relevant points throughout e.g. during PSHE lessons/anti-bullying week/Safer Internet Day/NSPCC Workshops.

- Pupils will be informed that network and Internet use will be monitored.

The school is vigilant when conducting 'raw' image search with pupils e.g. Google image search

Parents are required to individually sign an acceptable use agreement form which is fully explained to the children and used as part of the teaching programme

Staff and the e-Safety policy

Any information downloaded must be respectful of copyright, property rights and privacy.

All members of staff are aware that internet traffic can be monitored and traced to the individual user. Discretion and professional conduct is essential.

A laptop issued to a member of staff remains the property of the school. Users of such equipment should therefore adhere to school policy regarding appropriate use with regard to Internet access, data protection and use of software, both in and out of school.

Parents and the e-safety policy

All parents, when their child joins the school, will be asked to sign the AUA for pupils giving consent for their child to use the Internet in school by following the school's e-Safety guidelines and within the constraints detailed in the school's e-Safety policy.

Parents/carers are required to make a decision as to whether they consent to images of their child being taken/used on the school website or Twitter.

Parents are encouraged to look at the school's e-safety policy and the pupil 'Acceptable User Agreements' (for KS1 & KS2)

Monitoring and review

This policy is implemented on a day-to-day basis by all school staff and is monitored on an annual basis by the e-Safety Coordinator (Mr. Clem Coady).

This policy is the Governors' responsibility and they will review its effectiveness annually. They will do this during reviews conducted between the e-Safety Coordinator, Designated Safeguarding Lead. Ongoing incidents will be reported to the full governing body through the half-termly Heads Report.