

Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames

Green Lane Primary and Nursery School



The Coombe Academy Trust
ESafety Policy

accessed, or any consequences of Internet access.

- Staff and students are informed of the possible sanctions related to misuse of technology and these are outlined in the Behaviour Policy and Acceptable Use Policies.
- Any eSafety concern should be taken to the ESafety Coordinator or Director of IT.
- Any complaint about staff misuse will be referred to the Headteacher.
- Complaints that relate to online bullying will be dealt with in line with our Anti-Bullying Policy. Complaints related to child protection are dealt with in line with the school child protection procedure.

Review and Monitoring

ESafety is integral to other school policies including the Child Protection Policy, Anti-Bullying Policy and Behaviour Policy.

The school's eSafety coordinator is responsible for writing, reviewing and updating the policy. The policy will be reviewed annually or more frequently in response to changing technology and eSafety issues in the school.

This policy has been developed in consultation with the school's eSafety committee and approved by the Senior Leadership Team and Board of Governors. Staff will be informed of any updates or amendments to it.

2. Education and Curriculum

Student eSafety curriculum

The school has a clear, progressive eSafety education programme primarily as part of the Computing curriculum / PSHE curriculum but referenced in all areas of school life. It covers a range of skills and behaviours appropriate to students' ages and experience, including:

- Digital literacy
- Acceptable online behaviour
- Understanding of online risks
- Privacy and security
- Reporting concerns

Students are taught to think carefully about placing any personal photos on social media sites. The importance of privacy settings as a tool to safeguard their personal information is included in eSafety education. They are also taught that they should not post images or videos of others without their permission.

Students understand the risks associated with sharing images that reveal the identity of others and their location, such as house number, street name or school.

The school will:

- Plan internet use carefully to ensure that it is age-appropriate and supports the learning objectives for specific curriculum areas.
- Remind students about their responsibilities using the Acceptable Use Policy.
- Ensure that staff model safe and responsible behaviour in their own use of technology during lessons.

The Coombe Academy Trust will review and monitor this policy and evaluate its effectiveness.

- Ensure that staff and students understand issues around plagiarism and copyright/intellectual property rights, and understand how to critically assess the validity of the websites they use.

Staff and governor training

The school will ensure that:

- Staff understand the requirements of the Data Protection Act in terms of sending and receiving sensitive personal information.
- Regular training is available to staff on eSafety issues and the school's eSafety education programme.
- Information and guidance on the eSafety policy and the school's Acceptable Use Policy is provided to all new staff and governors.

Parent engagement

The school recognises the important role parents and carers have in ensuring children and young people are safe, responsible and can flourish online. To support parents to understand online risks and the work of the school in this area we will provide:

- Acceptable Use Agreements to all new parents.
- Regular, up to date information in newsletters and on the website and social media, particularly in response to emerging trends.
- Face to face sessions in school.
- Opportunities to share in their children's eSafety learning (eg assemblies, performances).
- Support and advice on online safety for their children outside of school.
- Signposting to further resources and websites.

3. Conduct and Incident management

Conduct

All users are responsible for using the school ICT systems in line with the Acceptable Use Policy they have agreed to by accepting the terms upon login. They should understand that there will be consequences of misuse or access to inappropriate materials which may result in sanctions for pupils in line with the school's Behaviour Policy.

All members of the school community should know that this policy also covers their online activity outside of school if it relates to their membership of the school.

Parents and carers will be asked to give consent for their children to use the internet and other technologies in school, by signing an Acceptable Use Agreement. They will also be given clear information about the sanctions that might result from misuse.

Social Media

The Child Protection Policy sets out the requirements for staff in the appropriate use of their personal social media accounts. The use of school social media accounts (e.g. for marketing) is managed by a nominated member of staff with guidance from the eSafety Coordinator.

Incident Management

All members of the school community understand they have a responsibility to report issues and are confident that anything raised will be handled quickly and sensitively. Anyone who is concerned about the safety of a child should report concerns to the Child Protection Officer immediately. The school actively seeks advice and support from external agencies in handling eSafety issues. Parents and carers will be informed of any eSafety incidents relating to their own children.

4. Managing the ICT infrastructure

The school is responsible for ensuring that the school infrastructure is as safe and secure as is reasonably possible and that related policies and procedures are implemented. It will also ensure that the relevant people will be effective in carrying out their eSafety responsibilities with regards to the ICT infrastructure.

- The technical systems will be managed in ways that ensure that the school meets recommended technical requirements.
- There will be regular reviews and audits of the safety and security of the school's technical systems.
- All users will have clearly defined access rights to the technical systems and school owned devices.
- All users will be provided with a username and secure password. Users will be responsible for the security of their username and password.
- Internet access is filtered for all users. Illegal content (child sexual abuse images) is filtered by the broadband or filtering provider by actively employing the Internet Watch Foundation CAIC list. Content lists are regularly updated and internet use is logged and regularly monitored. There is a clear process in place to deal with requests for filtering changes managed by the IT Support department.
- The school allows different filtering levels for different groups of users – staff, students and IT support. Specialist subjects, e.g. Media Studies have filtering policies to allow access to more open websites such as Youtube and blog sites. This is limited to the subject area and managed by the head of department.
- The school regularly monitors and records the activity of users on the school technical systems and users are made aware of this in the Acceptable Use Agreement.
- There is a reporting system in place for users to report any technical incident or security breach. Staff are expected to log all technical issues on the online helpdesk system.
- Security measures are in place to protect the servers, firewalls, routers, wireless systems, workstations, mobile devices etc from accidental or malicious attempts which might threaten the security of the school systems and data. These are tested regularly. The school infrastructure and individual workstations are protected by up to date virus software.
- Personal data must not be sent over the internet or taken off the school site unless safely encrypted or otherwise secured. Secure online storage and remote access systems are provided for staff access outside of school.

