

e-Safety Policy

MARINE ACADEMY PRIMARY POLICIES

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E-Safety Policy

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Our Beliefs and Principles

At Marine Academy Primary, we have developed our own Marine Curriculum which is comprehensive, has a clear process of learning with specific learning goals for every National Curriculum subject, for personal learning and for international mindedness. Our Curriculum sets out clear progression and application of skills across all areas. Parents can have total confidence that the needs of every child, as they grow and develop, can be catered for throughout their years in education with us at Marine Academy Primary. We offer a broad, exciting curriculum which enables each individual pupil to become an effective learner who can go on to realise his or her ambitions. The Marine Curriculum has been developed for pupils to follow with their specific learning needs in mind. The demands of the 21st Century mean that our pupils will need to be alert to the new technologies and possibilities that these will create, and be able to swiftly adapt to change. We aim to ensure pupils are independently minded and confident citizens of the future.

Introduction

The resources used by pupils in the Academy are carefully chosen by the teacher and determined by our Curriculum Policy. Use of the Internet, by its nature, will provide access to information, which has sometimes not been selected by the teacher. Whilst pupils will often be directed to sites which provide reviewed and evaluated sources, at times they will be able to move beyond these to sites unfamiliar to the teacher. There is therefore the possibility that a pupil may access unsuitable material either accidentally or deliberately.

The purpose of this policy is to:

- ★ Establish the ground rules we have in school for using the Internet.
- ★ Describe how these fit into the wider context of our behaviour and PHSE policies.
- ★ Demonstrate the methods used to protect the children from sites containing unsuitable material.

The Academy believes that the benefits to pupils from access to the resources of the Internet far exceed the disadvantages. Ultimately the responsibility for setting and conveying the standards that children are expected to follow, when using media and information resources, is one the Academy shares with Parents/Carers.

At Marine Academy Primary, we feel that the best recipe for success lies in a combination of site-filtering, of supervision and by fostering a responsible attitude in our pupils in partnership with Parents/Carers.

Parents/Carers are sent an explanatory letter, which form our Internet Access Agreement (Attached to the end of this document). This forms part of our welcome pack. We will also aim to disseminate any relevant published materials to parents.

Teaching and Learning

Why is Internet use important?

We use the internet for a number of reasons:

- ★ Internet use is part of the statutory curriculum and a necessary tool for learning.
- ★ The Internet is a part of everyday life for education, business and social interaction.
- ★ The school has a duty to provide students with quality Internet access as part of their learning experience.
- ★ Pupils use the Internet widely outside the Academy and need to learn how to evaluate Internet information and to take care of their own personal safety and security whilst online.
- ★ The purpose of Internet use in school is to raise educational standards, to promote pupil achievement, to support the professional work of staff and to enhance the Academy's management functions.

Benefits of using the Internet in education include:

- ★ access to worldwide educational resources including museums and art galleries;
- ★ educational and cultural exchanges between pupils worldwide;
- ★ vocational, social and leisure use in libraries, clubs and at home;
- ★ access to experts in many fields for pupils and staff;
- ★ professional development for staff through access to national developments, educational materials and effective curriculum practice;
- ★ collaboration across networks of schools, support services and professional associations;
- ★ improved access to technical support including remote management of networks and automatic system updates;
- ★ exchange of curriculum and administration data with Local Authority and DFE;
- ★ access to learning wherever and whenever convenient.

How can Internet use enhance learning?

- ★ The Academy's Internet access will be designed to enhance and extend education.
- ★ Pupils will be taught what Internet use is acceptable and what is not and given clear objectives for Internet use.
- ★ The Academy will ensure that the copying and subsequent use of Internet derived materials by staff and pupils complies with copyright law. Access levels will be reviewed to reflect the curriculum requirements and age of pupils.
- ★ Staff should guide pupils to online activities that will support the learning outcomes planned for the pupils' age and maturity.
- ★ Pupils will be educated in the effective use of the Internet in research, including the skills of knowledge location, retrieval and evaluation.

- ★ Pupils will be taught to acknowledge the source of information used and to respect copyright when using Internet material in their own work.

How will pupils learn how to evaluate Internet content?

- ★ Because the quality of information received via radio, newspaper and telephone is variable and information received via the Internet, email or text message requires even better information handling and digital literacy skills.
- ★ In particular it may be difficult to determine origin, intent and accuracy, as the contextual clues may be missing or difficult to read. Pupils should be made aware of the materials they read and shown how to validate information before accepting its accuracy.
- ★ The evaluation of online materials is a part of teaching and learning in every subject.

Managing Information Systems**How will information systems security be maintained?**

- ★ Virus protection will be updated regularly.
- ★ Personal data sent over the Internet will be encrypted.
- ★ Portable media may not be used without specific permission followed by a virus check.
- ★ Unapproved software will not be allowed in pupils' work areas or attached to email.

How will email be managed?

- ★ Whole class or teacher email addresses will be used at Marine Academy Primary for communication outside of the school by children.
- ★ Pupils may only use approved email or blogging accounts.
- ★ Pupils must immediately tell a teacher if they receive offensive email.
- ★ Pupils must not reveal personal details of themselves or others in email communication, or arrange to meet anyone without specific permission from an adult. E-Safety units of learning at the start of each academic year will remind pupils of this.
- ★ Access in the Academy to external personal email accounts may be blocked.
- ★ The forwarding of chain messages is not permitted.
- ★ Staff should only use school email accounts to communicate with pupils as approved by the Senior Leadership Team.

How will published content be managed?

- ★ We have created a website that inspires pupils to publish work of a high standard.
- ★ We use it to celebrate pupils work, promote the school and publish resources for projects.
- ★ Publication of information should be considered from a personal and Academy security viewpoint.
- ★ The contact details on the website should be the Academy address, email and telephone number. Staff or pupils' personal information must not be published.

- ★ The Headteacher will take overall editorial responsibility and ensure that content is accurate and appropriate and editorial guidance will help reflect the school's requirements for accuracy and good presentation. This includes the use of Facebook.
- ★ The website will comply with current guidelines for publications including respect for intellectual property rights and copyright.

Can pupil's images or work be published?

- ★ Still and moving images and sounds add liveliness and interest to a website, particularly when pupils can be included. Nevertheless the security of staff and pupils is paramount.
- ★ Images of a pupil will not be published unless Parents/Carers have granted permission. Pupils also need to be taught the reasons for caution in publishing personal information and images online.

How will social networking, social media and personal publishing be managed?

- ★ Parents and teachers need to be aware that the Internet has emerging online spaces and social networks which allow individuals to publish unmediated content.
- ★ Social networking sites can connect people with similar or even very different interests. Users can be invited to view personal spaces and leave comments, over which there may be limited control.
- ★ Although primary age pupils should not use Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat or similar sites, pupils should be encouraged to think about the ease of uploading personal information, the associated dangers and the difficulty of removing an inappropriate image or information once published.
- ★ No member of staff should use social networking sites or personal publishing sites to communicate with students, past or present. This message is shared annually with staff during an INSET session.
- ★ Staff need to be aware of the importance of considering the material they post, ensuring profiles are secured and how publishing unsuitable material may affect their professional status. Examples include: blogs, wikis, social networking, forums, bulletin boards, multiplayer online gaming, chatrooms, instant messenger and many others.
- ★ Teachers cannot under any circumstances mention any references to their working lives on any social media.
- ★ The Academy will control access to social media and social networking sites. The Academy actively uses Facebook and Twitter as a source of engagement with our community.
- ★ Pupils will be advised never to give out personal details of any kind which may identify them and / or their location. Examples would include real name, address, mobile or landline phone numbers, school attended, IM and email addresses, full names of friends/family, specific interests and clubs etc.
- ★ Pupils will be advised not to place personal photos on any social network space. They should consider how public the information is and consider using private areas. Advice should be given regarding background detail in a photograph which could identify the student or his/her location.
- ★ Staff are advised not to run social network spaces for pupil use on a personal basis.

- ★ Pupils are advised not to publish specific and detailed private thoughts, especially those that may be considered threatening, hurtful or defamatory.

How will filtering be managed?

- ★ The Academy will work with SWGfL to ensure that systems to protect pupils are reviewed and improved.
- ★ If staff or pupils discover unsuitable sites, the URL must be reported to the Computing co-ordinator or a senior member of staff.
- ★ The Academy's broadband access includes filtering appropriate to the age and maturity of pupils. Senior staff will ensure that regular checks are made to ensure that the filtering methods selected are appropriate, effective and reasonable.
- ★ Any material that staff believe is illegal must be reported to the Headteacher who will inform the appropriate agencies.
- ★ We keep up to date with new technologies, including those relating to mobile phones and handheld devices, and be ready to develop appropriate strategies.
- ★ There are dangers for staff however if personal phones are used to contact pupils or families and therefore this will only be done when authorised by a senior member of staff.
- ★ Abusive messages should be dealt with under the Academy's Positive Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policies.
- ★ Emerging technologies will be examined for educational benefit and the Headteacher in consultation with staff will give permission for appropriate use.
- ★ Mobile phones will not be used during lessons or formal school time. The sending of abusive or inappropriate text, picture or video messages is forbidden.
- ★ Pupils are not allowed to bring mobile phones into the Academy. Under certain circumstances exceptions can be discussed with the Headteacher, so that pupil mobile phones can be kept in the school office. Parents must complete the permission slip to acknowledge that the school takes no responsibility for phones which are left in the office.

How should personal data be protected?

- ★ The quantity and variety of data held on pupils, families and on staff is expanding quickly. While this data can be very useful in improving services, data could be mishandled, stolen or misused. The Data Protection Act 1998 ("the Act") gives individuals the right to know what information is held about them and provides a framework to ensure that personal information is handled properly.
- ★ It promotes openness in the use of personal information. Under the Act every organisation that processes personal information (personal data) must notify the Information Commissioner's Office, unless they are exempt.
- ★ The Data Protection Act 1998 applies to anyone who handles or has access to information concerning individuals. Everyone in the workplace has a legal duty to protect the privacy of information relating to individuals.
- ★ The Act sets standards (eight data protection principles), which must be satisfied when processing personal data (information that will identify a living individual). The Act also

gives rights to the people the information is about i.e. subject access rights lets individuals find out what information is held about them.

The eight principles are that personal data must be:

- Processed fairly and lawfully
- Processed for specified purposes
- Adequate, relevant and not excessive
- Accurate and up-to-date
- Held no longer than is necessary
- Processed in line with individual's rights
- Kept secure
- Transferred only to other countries with suitable security measures.

This section is a reminder that all data from which people can be identified is protected. Personal data will be recorded, processed, transferred and made available according to the Data Protection Act 1998.

Policy Decisions

How will Internet access be authorised?

- ★ We allocate Internet access for staff and pupils on the basis of educational need. It should be clear who has Internet access and who has not.
- ★ Authorisation is as individuals and usage is fully supervised. Normally all pupils will be granted Internet access.
- ★ Parental permission is required for Internet access in all cases as new pupils join Marine Academy Primary.
- ★ All staff must read and sign the Code of Conduct before using any school ICT resource.
- ★ At Reception and Key Stage 1, access to the Internet will be by adult demonstration with occasional directly supervised access to specific, approved online materials.
- ★ Parents/Carers will be asked to sign and return consent form for pupil access.
- ★ Parents/Carers will be informed that pupils will be provided with supervised Internet access.

How will risks be assessed?

Marine Academy Primary will take all reasonable precautions to ensure that users access only appropriate material. However, due to the global and connected nature of Internet content, it is not possible to guarantee that access to unsuitable material will never occur via a school computer.

The use of computer systems without permission or for inappropriate purposes could constitute a criminal offence under the Computer Misuse Act 1990. Methods to identify, assess and minimise risks will be reviewed regularly and after every breach of this policy.

How will e-Safety complaints be handled?

Complaints of Internet misuse will be dealt with under the Academy's Complaints Procedure. Any complaint about staff misuse must be referred to the Headteacher. If the complaint is about the Headteacher this should be reported to the Principal of the Campus and/or Chair of Governors.

All e-Safety complaints and incidents will be recorded by the Academy, including any actions taken. Pupils and parents will be informed of the Complaints Procedure. Parents and pupils will work in partnership with staff to resolve issues. Discussions will be held with the local Children's Safeguarding Board to establish procedures for handling potentially illegal issues. Any issues (including sanctions) will be dealt with according to the Academy's disciplinary and child protection procedures.

How is the Internet used across the community?

We recognise that children can access the internet outside of the Academy and offer support and advice to parents on internet safety through regular information sent home with children and through advice on our website. The Academy will be sensitive to Internet related issues experienced by pupils out of school, e.g. social networking sites, and offer appropriate advice. We also hold an e-safety talk for Parents/Carers yearly as well as sessions for children of all ages and a Staff INSET.

How will Cyberbullying be managed?

Cyberbullying is defined as "The use of Information Communication Technology, particularly mobile phones and the internet to deliberately hurt or upset someone" DCSF 2007. It is essential that pupils, Marine Academy Primary staff and Parents/Carers understand how cyberbullying is different from other forms of bullying, how it can affect people and how to respond and combat misuse. Promoting a culture of confident users will support innovation and safety. DCSF and Childnet have produced resources and guidance that will be used to give practical advice and guidance on cyberbullying:

<http://www.digizen.org/cyberbullying>

Cyberbullying (along with all forms of bullying) will not be tolerated at the Academy. All incidents of cyberbullying reported to the Academy will be recorded.

There are clear procedures in place to investigate incidents or allegations of bullying:

- ★ Pupils, staff and parents/carers will be advised to keep a record of the bullying as evidence.
- ★ The Academy will take steps to identify bullying behaviour, where appropriate, such as examining system logs, identifying and interviewing possible witnesses, and contacting the service provider and the police, if necessary.

Sanctions for those involved in Cyberbullying may include:

- ★ The perpetrator will be asked to remove any material deemed to be inappropriate or offensive.
- ★ A service provider may be contacted to remove content.

- ★ Internet access may be suspended at school for the user for a period of time.
- ★ Parent/Carers will be informed and the Police will be contacted if a criminal offence is suspected.

Other e-Safety Issues

Sexting – Children in Year 5 and 6 will be informed about the implications of sexting and how, once a picture has been sent, this image can never fully be removed from the world wide web.

Pornography – many children will come across some type of pornographic content when searching the Internet. Children are taught about what to do if they come across this type of material and who to speak to.

Any concerns with content may be recorded and dealt with in the following ways:

- ★ The user will be asked to remove any material deemed to be inappropriate or offensive.
- ★ The material will be removed by the site administrator if the user does not comply.
- ★ Access to the computers for the user may be suspended.
- ★ The user will need to discuss the issues with a member of SLT before reinstatement.
- ★ A pupil's Parent/Carer may be informed.

Communication Policy

How will the policy be introduced to pupils?

- ★ At Marine Academy Primary we teach about e-Safety as a Computing series of lessons and as part of every subject whenever pupils are using the internet.
- ★ All users are informed that network and Internet use will be monitored.
- ★ Pupil instruction in responsible and safe use should precede Internet access every time they go online.
- ★ Safe and responsible use of the internet and technology will be reinforced across the curriculum. Particular attention will be given where pupils are considered to be vulnerable.

We will use the following e-Safety programmes:

Think U Know: www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Childnet: www.childnet.com

Kidsmart: www.kidsmart.org.uk

Safe Social Networking: www.safesocialnetworking.com

How will the policy be discussed with staff?

- ★ The e-Safety Policy will be formally provided to and discussed with all members of staff and published on the Academy website.

- ★ To protect all staff and pupils, the school will implement Acceptable Use Policy. Staff should be aware that Internet traffic can be monitored and traced to the individual user; discretion and professional conduct is essential.
- ★ Staff training in safe and responsible Internet use both professionally and personally will be provided, both internally and externally, annually. Staff will sign to say they have attended this training.

How will Parents/Carers support be enlisted?

Parents' attention will be drawn to the Academy e-Safety Policy in newsletters, the Academy Facebook page, Academy's website and through regular talks.

A partnership approach with Parents/Carers will be encouraged. This will include Parent/Carer meetings with demonstrations and suggestions for safe home Internet use.

Parents/Carers will be requested to sign an e-Safety/internet agreement as part of the Academy's on entry procedures. Information and guidance for Parents/Carers on e-Safety will be made available to them in a variety of formats.

Advice on filtering systems and educational and leisure activities that include responsible use of the Internet will be made available to Parents/Carers.

Policy Management

This policy is linked to the following mandatory school/centre policies: Child Protection and Safeguarding, Whistle Blowing, Health and Safety, Anti-Bullying, Home School Agreements, Computing and PHSE Policies.

Who will review the policy?

The e-Safety Policy and its implementation will be reviewed annually by the Headteacher and Governors.

Our e-Safety Policy has been written by the school, building on Local Authority advice and DfE guidance.