





# St Barnabas CE Primary School

# **Online Safety Policy**

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'Barnabas the Encourager'

Our vision is to ignite curiosity and delight in learning so we are ready for an ever changing, challenging world. We will build each other up to be unique individuals in a diverse community - showing resilience and working positively together to make every day count.

Our core values of creativity, courage and compassion underpin our vision.







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### **Overview**

#### **Aims**

#### This policy aims to:

- Set out expectations for all St Barnabas CE Primary School community members' online behaviour, attitudes and activities and use of digital technology (including when devices are offline)
- Help all stakeholders to recognise that online/digital behaviour standards (including social media activity) must be upheld beyond the confines of the school gates and school day, and regardless of device or platform
- Facilitate the safe, responsible and respectful use of technology to support teaching & learning, increase attainment and prepare children and young people for the risks and opportunities of today's and tomorrow's digital world, to survive and thrive online
- Help school staff working with children to understand their roles and responsibilities to work safely and responsibly with technology and the online world:
  - o for the protection and benefit of the children and young people in their care, and
  - o for their own protection, minimising misplaced or malicious allegations and to better understand their own standards and practice
  - o for the benefit of the school, supporting the school ethos, aims and objectives, and protecting the reputation of the school and profession
- Establish clear structures by which online misdemeanours will be treated, and procedures to follow where there are doubts or concerns (with reference to other school policies such as Behaviour Policy or Anti-Bullying Policy)

#### **Further Help and Support**

Internal school channels should always be followed first for reporting and support, as documented in school policy documents, especially in response to incidents, which should be reported in line with your Safeguarding Policy. The DSL will handle referrals to local authority multi-agency safeguarding hubs (MASH) and normally the headteacher will handle referrals to the LA designated officer (LADO). The local authority, academy trust or third-party support organisations you work with may also have advisors to offer general support.

Beyond this, <u>reporting.lgfl.net</u> has a list of curated links to external support and helplines for both pupils and staff, including the Professionals' Online-Safety Helpline from the UK Safer Internet Centre and the NSPCC Whistleblowing Helpline, as well as hotlines for hate crime, terrorism and fraud which might be useful to share with parents, and anonymous support for children and young people.







#### Scope

This policy applies to all members of the St Barnabas CE Primary School community (including teaching and support staff, supply teachers and tutors engaged under the DfE National Tutoring Programme, governors, volunteers, contractors, students/pupils, parents/carers, visitors and community users) who have access to our digital technology, networks and systems, whether on-site or remotely, and at any time, or who use technology in their school role.

# Roles and responsibilities

This school is a community and all members have a duty to behave respectfully online and offline, to use technology for teaching and learning and to prepare for life after school, and to immediately report any concerns or inappropriate behaviour, to protect staff, pupils, families and the reputation of the school. We learn together, make honest mistakes together and support each other in a world that is online and offline at the same time.

# Headteacher / Designated Safeguarding Lead (includes Online Safety)

- Miss Boardman is the Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
- Ms Woolgar is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

- Foster a culture of safeguarding where online safety is fully integrated into whole-school safeguarding
- Ensure that policies and procedures are followed by all staff
- Undertake training in offline and online safeguarding, in accordance with statutory guidance and relevant Local Safeguarding Partnerships
- Liaise with the online safeguarding lead on all online-safety issues which might arise and receive regular updates on school issues and broader policy and practice information
- Take overall responsibility for data management and information security ensuring the school's
  provision follows best practice in information handling; work with the DPO, OSL, and governors
  to ensure a GDPR-compliant framework for storing data, but helping to ensure that child
  protection is always put first and data-protection processes support careful and legal sharing of
  information
- Ensure the school implements and makes effective use of appropriate ICT systems and services
  including school-safe filtering and monitoring, protected email systems and that all technology
  including cloud systems are implemented according to child-safety first principles. Ensure that all
  staff are aware.





- Be responsible for ensuring that all staff receive suitable training to carry out their safeguarding and online safety roles
- Understand and make all staff aware of procedures to be followed in the event of a serious online safeguarding incident
- Ensure adequate provision for staff to flag issues when not in school and for pupils to disclose issues when off site, especially when in isolation/quarantine/lockdown
- Ensure suitable risk assessments are undertaken so the curriculum meets needs of pupils, including risk of children being radicalised
- Liaise with staff on matters of safety and safeguarding (including online and digital safety) and when deciding whether to make a referral by liaising with relevant agencies.
- Ensure that there is a GDPR-compliant framework for storing data, but helping to ensure that child protection is always put first and data-protection processes support careful and legal sharing of information
- Ensure governors are regularly updated on the nature and effectiveness of the school's arrangements for online safety
- Ensure the school website meets statutory requirements
- Review and update this policy, other online safety documents (e.g. Acceptable Use Policies) and the strategy on which they are based (in harmony with policies for behaviour, safeguarding, Prevent and others) and submit for review to the governors/trustees.
- Ensure that online safety education is embedded across the curriculum in line with the statutory RSHE guidance (e.g. by use of the updated UKCIS framework 'Education for a Connected World 2020 edition') and beyond, in wider school life
- Promote an awareness of and commitment to online safety throughout the school community,
   with a strong focus on parents
- Pay particular attention to **online tutors** this year, (e.g. those engaged by the school as part of the DfE scheme who will be asked to sign the contractor AUP)
- Monitor the use of school technology, online platforms and social media presence and that any misuse/attempted misuse is identified and reported in line with school policy

# Governing Body, led by Online Safety / Safeguarding Link Governor – Mr G Mogan

#### Key responsibilities (quotes are taken from Keeping Children Safe in Education 2020)

- Approve this policy and strategy and subsequently review its effectiveness, e.g. by asking the
  questions in the helpful document from the UK Council for Child Internet Safety (UKCIS) Online
  safety in schools and colleges: Questions from the Governing Board
- Ask about how the school has reviewed protections for pupils in the home and remote-learning procedures, rules and safeguards
- "Ensure an appropriate senior member of staff, from the school or college leadership team, is
  appointed to the role of DSL with lead responsibility for safeguarding and child protection
  (including online safety) with the appropriate status and authority, time, funding, training,
  resources and support..."





- Support the school in encouraging parents and the wider community to become engaged in online safety activities
- Have regular strategic reviews with the online-safety co-ordinator / DSL and incorporate online safety into standing discussions of safeguarding at governor meetings
- Work with the DPO, DSL/headteacher and Business Manager to ensure a GDPR-compliant framework for storing data, but helping to ensure that child protection is always put first and data-protection processes support careful and legal sharing of information
- Check all school staff have read Part 1 of KCSIE; SLT and all working directly with children have read Annex A; check that Annex C on Online Safety reflects practice in your school
- Ensure that all staff undergo safeguarding and child protection training (including online safety) at induction.
  - "Ensure appropriate filters and appropriate monitoring systems are in place [but...] be careful that 'overblocking' does not lead to unreasonable restrictions as to what children can be taught with regard to online teaching and safeguarding".
- Ensure that children are taught about safeguarding, including online safety as part of providing a broad and balanced curriculum

#### All staff

- In 2020 pay particular attention to safeguarding provisions for **home-learning** and **remote-teaching technologies** (resources available at coronavirus.lgfl.net/safeguarding)
- Recognise that RSHE will be introduced in this academic year and that it is a whole-school subject requiring the support of all staff; online safety has become core to this new subject
- Understand that online safety is a core part of safeguarding; as such it is part of everyone's job –
   never think that someone else will pick it up
- Know who the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Online Safety Lead (OSL) are (Miss Boardman DSL / Ms Woolgar Deputy DSL)
- Read Part 1, Annex A and Annex C of Keeping Children Safe in Education (whilst Part 1 is statutory
  for all staff, Annex A for SLT and those working directly with children, it is good practice for all
  staff to read all three sections).
- Read and follow this policy in conjunction with the school's main safeguarding policy
- Record online-safety incidents in the same way as any safeguarding incident (CPOMS) and report
  in accordance with school procedures.
- Understand that safeguarding is often referred to as a jigsaw puzzle you may have discovered the missing piece so do not keep anything to yourself
- Sign and follow the staff acceptable use policy and code of conduct/handbook
- Notify the DSL if policy does not reflect practice in your school and follow escalation procedures
  if concerns are not promptly acted upon
- Identify opportunities to thread online safety through all school activities as part of a whole school approach in line with the RSHE curriculum, both outside the classroom and within the





curriculum, supporting curriculum/stage/subject leads, and making the most of unexpected learning opportunities as they arise (which have a unique value for pupils)

- Whenever overseeing the use of technology in school or for homework or remote teaching, encourage and talk about appropriate behaviour and how to get help and consider potential risks and the age-appropriateness of websites (find out what appropriate filtering and monitoring systems are in place)
- When supporting pupils remotely, be mindful of additional safeguarding considerations refer
  to the <u>20 Safeguarding Principles for Remote Lessons</u> infographic which applies to all online
  learning
- Carefully supervise and guide pupils when engaged in learning activities involving online technology, supporting them with search skills, critical thinking, age appropriate materials and signposting, and legal issues such as copyright and GDPR.
- Be aware of security best-practice at all times, including password hygiene and phishing strategies.
- Prepare and check all online source and resources before using
- Encourage pupils/students to follow their acceptable use policy at home as well as at school, remind them about it and enforce school sanctions.
- Notify the DSL/OSL of new trends and issues before they become a problem
- Take a zero-tolerance approach to bullying and low-level sexual harassment
- Be aware that you are often most likely to see or overhear online-safety issues (particularly relating to bullying and sexual harassment and violence) in the playground, corridors, toilets and other communal areas outside the classroom – let the DSL/OSL know
- Receive regular updates from the DSL/OSL and have a healthy curiosity for online safeguarding issues
- Model safe, responsible and professional behaviours in their own use of technology. This includes
  outside the school hours and site, and on social media, in all aspects upholding the reputation of
  the school and of the professional reputation of all staff. More guidance on this point can be
  found in this Online Reputation guidance for schools.

# **PSHE / RSHE Lead/s : Miss K Boardman**

- As listed in the 'all staff' section, plus:
- Embed consent, mental wellbeing, healthy relationships and staying safe online into the PSHE / Relationships education, relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education curriculum. "This will include being taught what positive, healthy and respectful online relationships look like, the effects of their online actions on others and knowing how to recognise and display respectful behaviour online. Throughout these subjects, teachers will address online safety and appropriate behaviour in an age appropriate way that is relevant to their pupils' lives."





- This will complement the computing curriculum, which covers the principles of online safety at all key stages, with progression in the content to reflect the different and escalating risks that pupils face. This includes how to use technology safely, responsibly, respectfully and securely, and where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the internet or other online technologies.
- Work closely with the DSL/OSL and all other staff to ensure an understanding of the issues, approaches and messaging within PSHE / RSHE.
- Note that an RSHE policy should now be included on the school website.
- Work closely with the Computing lead to avoid overlap but ensure a complementary wholeschool approach, and with all other lead staff to embed the same whole-school approach

#### **Computing Lead – Mr A Levick**

#### **Key responsibilities:**

- As listed in the 'all staff' section, plus:
- Oversee the delivery of the online safety element of the Computing curriculum in accordance with the national curriculum
- Work closely with the RSHE lead to avoid overlap but ensure a complementary whole-school approach
- Work closely with the DSL/OSL and all other staff to ensure an understanding of the issues, approaches and messaging within Computing
- Collaborate with technical staff and others responsible for ICT use in school to ensure a common and consistent approach, in line with acceptable-use agreements

#### Subject / aspect leaders

- As listed in the 'all staff' section, plus:
- Look for opportunities to embed online safety in your subject or aspect, especially as part of the new RSHE curriculum, and model positive attitudes and approaches to staff and pupils alike
- Consider how the UKCIS framework Education for a Connected World and Teaching Online Safety in Schools can be applied in your context
- Work closely with the DSL/OSL and all other staff to ensure an understanding of the issues, approaches and messaging within Computing
- Ensure subject specific action plans also have an online-safety element







# Network Manager/technician - Vital / CYC

#### **Key responsibilities:**

- Support the HT and DSL team as they review protections for pupils in the home and remotelearning procedures, rules and safeguards
- Work closely with the designated safeguarding lead / online safety lead / data protection officer to ensure that school systems and networks reflect school policy
- Ensure the above stakeholders understand the consequences of existing services and of any
  changes to these systems (especially in terms of access to personal and sensitive records / data
  and to systems such as YouTube mode, web filtering settings, sharing permissions for files on
  cloud platforms etc
- Support and advise on the implementation of 'appropriate filtering and monitoring' as decided by the DSL
- Maintain up-to-date documentation of the school's online security and technical procedures
- To report online-safety related issues that come to their attention in line with school policy
- Manage the school's systems, networks and devices, according to a strict password policy, with systems in place for detection of misuse and malicious attack, with adequate protection, encryption and backup for data, including disaster recovery plans, and auditable access controls

# Data Protection Officer (DPO) – Veritau

#### **Key responsibilities:**

- Work with the DSL, headteacher and governors to ensure frameworks are in place for the protection of data and of safeguarding information sharing as outlined above.
- Ensure that all access to safeguarding data is limited as appropriate, and also monitored and audited

# **Volunteers and contractors (including tutors)**

- Read, understand, sign and adhere to an acceptable use policy (AUP)
- Report any concerns, no matter how small, to the designated safety lead / online safety coordinator as named in the AUP
- Maintain an awareness of current online safety issues and guidance
- Model safe, responsible and professional behaviours in their own use of technology at school and as part of remote teaching or any online communications
- Note that as per AUP agreement a contractor will never attempt to arrange any meeting, including tutoring session, without the full prior knowledge and approval of the school, and will never do so directly with a pupil. The same applies to any private/direct communication with a pupil.







#### **Pupils**

#### **Key responsibilities:**

- Read, understand, sign and adhere to the student/pupil acceptable use policy and review this annually
- Treat home learning during any isolation/quarantine or bubble/school lockdown in the same way as regular learning in school and behave as if a teacher or parent were watching the screen
- Avoid any private communication or use of personal logins/systems to communicate with or arrange meetings with school staff or tutors
- Understand the importance of reporting abuse, misuse or access to inappropriate materials, including any concerns about a member of school staff or supply teacher or online tutor
- Know what action to take if they or someone they know feels worried or vulnerable when using online technology, at school, home or anywhere else.
- To understand the importance of adopting safe and responsible behaviours and good online safety practice when using digital technologies outside of school and realise that the school's acceptable use policies cover actions out of school, including on social media
- Remember the rules on the misuse of school technology devices and logins used at home should be used just like if they were in full view of a teacher.
- Understand the benefits/opportunities and risks/dangers of the online world and know who to talk to at school or outside school if there are problems

#### Parents/carers

- Read, sign and promote the school's parental acceptable use policy (AUP) and read the pupil AUP and encourage their children to follow it
- Consult with the school if they have any concerns about their children's and others' use of technology
- Promote positive online safety and model safe, responsible and positive behaviours in their own
  use of technology, including on social media: not sharing other's images or details without
  permission and refraining from posting negative, threatening or violent comments about others,
  including the school staff, volunteers, governors, contractors, pupils or other parents/carers.
- Encourage children to engage fully in home-learning during any period of isolation/quarantine or bubble/school closure and flag any concerns
- Support the child during remote learning to avoid video calls in a bedroom if possible and if not, to ensure the child is fully dressed and not in bed, with the camera pointing away from beds/bedding/personal information etc. and the background blurred or changes where possible.
- If organising private online tuition, remain in the room if possible, ensure the child knows tutors should not arrange new sessions directly with the child or attempt to communicate privately.







# **External groups including parent associations**

#### **Key responsibilities:**

- Any external individual/organisation will sign an acceptable use policy prior to using technology or the internet within school
- Support the school in promoting online safety and data protection
- Model safe, responsible, respectful and positive behaviours in their own use of technology, including on social media: not sharing other's images or details without permission and refraining from posting negative, threatening or violent comments about others, including the school staff, volunteers, governors, contractors, pupils or other parents/carers

#### **Education and curriculum**

The following subjects have the clearest online safety links

- Relationships education, relationships and sex education (RSE) and health (also known as RSHE or PSHE)
- Computing
- Citizenship

However, as stated in the role descriptors above, it is the role of all staff to identify opportunities to thread online safety through all school activities, both outside the classroom and within the curriculum, supporting curriculum/stage/subject leads, and making the most of unexpected learning opportunities as they arise (which have a unique value for pupils)

Whenever overseeing the use of technology (devices, the internet, new technology such as augmented reality, etc) in school or setting as homework tasks, all staff should encourage sensible use, monitor what pupils/students are doing and consider potential dangers and the age appropriateness of websites (ask your DSL what appropriate filtering and monitoring policies are in place).

Equally, all staff should carefully supervise and guide pupils when engaged in learning activities involving online technology (including, extra-curricular, extended school activities if relevant and remote teaching), supporting them with search skills, critical thinking (e.g. fake news), age appropriate materials and signposting, and legal issues such as copyright and data law. <a href="mailto:saferesources.lgfl.net">saferesources.lgfl.net</a> has regularly updated theme-based resources, materials and signposting for teachers and parents.

# Handling online-safety concerns and incidents

It is vital that all staff recognise that online-safety is a part of safeguarding (as well as being a curriculum strand of Computing, PSHE/RSHE and Citizenship.





Online safety concerns must be handled in the same way as any other safeguarding concern; safeguarding is often referred to as a jigsaw puzzle, so all stakeholders should err on the side of talking to the designated safeguarding lead to contribute to the overall picture or highlight what might not yet be a problem.

School procedures for dealing with online-safety will be detailed in the following policies (primarily in the first key document):

- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Acceptable Use Policies
- Data Protection Policy, agreements and other documentation (e.g. privacy statement and consent forms for data sharing, image use etc)

This school commits to take all reasonable precautions to ensure online safety, but recognises that incidents will occur both inside school and outside school (and that those from outside school will continue to impact on pupils when they come into school or during extended periods away from school. All members of the school are encouraged to report issues swiftly to allow us to deal with them quickly and sensitively through the school's escalation processes.

Teachers and Support Staff should be vigilant and recognise that online safety concerns may come to light through conversations between pupils. Any suspected online risk or infringement should be reported to the designated safeguarding lead on the same day – where clearly urgent, it will be made by the end of the lesson.

Any concern/allegation about staff misuse is always referred directly to the Headteacher, unless the concern is about the Headteacher in which case the compliant is referred to the Chair of Governors and the LADO (Local Authority's Designated Officer). Staff may also use the NSPCC Whistleblowing Helpline

The school will actively seek support from other agencies as needed. We will inform parents/carers of online-safety incidents involving their children, and the Police where staff or pupils engage in or are subject to behaviour which we consider is particularly disturbing or breaks the law (particular procedures are in place for sexting and upskirting; see section below).

The school should evaluate whether reporting procedures are adequate for any future closures/lockdowns/isolation etc and make alternative provisions in advance where these might be needed.

#### Bullying

Online bullying should be treated like any other form of bullying and the school bullying policy should be followed for online bullying, which may also be referred to as cyberbullying, including issues arising from banter. Materials to support teaching about bullying and useful Department for Education guidance and case studies are at bullying.lgfl.net







# Misuse of school technology (devices, systems, networks or platforms)

Clear and well communicated rules and procedures are essential to govern pupil and adult use of school networks, connections, internet connectivity and devices, cloud platforms and social media (both when on school site and outside of school).

These are defined in the relevant Acceptable Use Policy as well as in this document, for example in the sections relating to the professional and personal use of school platforms/networks/clouds, devices and other technology including own devices.

Where pupils contravene these rules, the school behaviour policy will be applied; where staff contravene these rules, action will be taken as outlined in the staff code of conduct.

Pupils and staff will be reminded of these policies and procedures at the beginning of any school year but also during any future periods of closure / quarantine.

Further to these steps, the school reserves the right to withdraw – temporarily or permanently – any or all access to such technology, or the right to bring devices onto school property.

#### Social media incidents

See the social media section later in this document for rules and expectations of behaviour for children and adults in the St Barnabas CE Primary School community. These are also governed by school Acceptable Use Policies and Staff / Volunteer Code of Conduct

Breaches will be dealt with in line with the school behaviour policy (for pupils) or code of conduct (for staff)

Further to this, where an incident relates to an inappropriate, upsetting, violent or abusive social media post by a member of the school community, the Headteacher will request that the post be deleted and will expect this to be actioned promptly.

Where an offending post has been made by a third party, the school may report it to the platform it is hosted on, and may contact the Professionals' Online Safety Helpline (run by the UK Safer Internet Centre) for support or help to accelerate this process.







# Appropriate filtering and monitoring

Keeping Children Safe in Education obliges schools to "ensure appropriate filters and appropriate monitoring systems are in place [and] not be able to access harmful or inappropriate material [but at the same time] be careful that "over blocking" does not lead to unreasonable restrictions as to what children can be taught with regards to online teaching and safeguarding."

At this school, the internet connection is provided by Pinacle (via CYC). This means we have a dedicated and secure, schoolsafe connection that is protected with firewalls and multiple layers of security.

At home, devices loaned from school are filtered where possible.

When pupils log into any school system on a personal device, activity may also be monitored (e.g. logging into google classrooms from devices at home.

If filtering systems are not in place (e.g. devices need to be loaned out rapidly) parents will be informed of this and asked to sign that they aware.

# **Electronic communications**

Please see the Staff Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use policies for further details.

Use of any communication platforms between staff / parents and staff / pupils must be approved by the Headteacher and DPO.

The platforms currently used for communication between staff and parents are CYC Secure Email, G-Mail (specific school account), Classdojo, St Barnabas Primary School Facebook (private group). Video calls between staff and parents may be made through Zoom, School Cloud and Google Meet.

Google Classroom chat is the only acceptable means of electronic communication between staff and pupils.

Google Meet is the only acceptable platform for conducting 'live' communication between staff and parents. Please see 'Protocol for Google Meets'

# **Device usage**

If a school device is loaned for home use, parents are asked to sign an agreement to ensure their child uses the device safely and according to school policies. Staff are expected to follow the AUP and Code of Conduct.

# Personal devices including wearable technology

**Pupils** who walk to/ from school without an adult may bring in a mobile phone with parental permission. Phones should be switched off when on the school premises and handed to the teacher for safe keeping until the end of the day. Any attempt to use a phone in school without permission will lead to sanctions and potentially the withdrawal of mobile privileges.

Pupils should not bring any other devices to school without permission and should not wear watches and other technology that can take photos, voice recordings or access the internet.







**Parents** are asked to leave their phones in their pockets and turned off when they are on site, including on the playground. They should ask permission before taking any photos on the school. When at school events, please refer to the 'Photos and Videos at School' Policy. Parents are asked not to call pupils on their mobile phones during the school day; urgent messages can be passed via the school office.

#### Trips / events away from school

For school trips/events away from school, parents will be informed how they can contact the visit leader. During the school day, this should be via the school office. Specific arrangements will be made for residential visits.

#### Searching and confiscation

In line with the DfE guidance 'Searching, screening and confiscation: advice for schools', the Headteacher and staff authorised by them have a statutory power to search pupils/property on school premises. This includes the content of mobile phones and other devices, for example as a result of a reasonable suspicion that a device contains illegal or undesirable material, including but not exclusive to sexual images, pornography, violence or bullying.

#### How will this policy be reviewed and communicated?

This policy will be reviewed at least annually. It will be communicated in the following ways:

- Posted on the school website
- Available on the internal staff network/drive
- Part of school induction pack for <u>all</u> new staff (including temporary, supply and non-classroom-based staff)
- Integral to safeguarding updates and training for all staff (especially in September refreshers)
- Clearly reflected in the Acceptable Use Policies (AUPs) for staff, volunteers, contractors, governors, pupils and parents/carers (which must be in accessible language appropriate to these groups).
- AUPs issued to whole school community, on <u>entry</u> to the school, with annual reminders of where to find them if unchanged, and reissued if updated after annual review
- AUPs are displayed in appropriate classrooms/corridors