

CROFTON HAMMOND INFANT SCHOOL

E-SAFETY POLICY

WRITING AND REVIEWING THE E-SAFETY POLICY

The e-Safety Policy is part of the Computing Policy and relates to other policies including those for computing, bullying and for child protection.

The school will appoint an e-Safety Coordinator. This will be the Designated Safeguarding Lead as the roles overlap.

Our e-Safety Policy has been written by the Computing Team, building on the Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth & Southampton 4LSCB document and government guidance. It has been agreed by senior leadership and approved by governors and CHIPS fundraisers.

The e-Safety Policy and its implementation will be reviewed annually.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Why Internet use is important

- The Internet is an essential element in 21st century 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.
- Internet use is a part of the statutory curriculum and a necessary tool for staff and pupils.

Internet use will enhance learning

- 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

Pupils will be taught how to evaluate Internet content

The school will ensure that the use of Internet derived materials by staff and pupils complies with copyright law.

- Pupils should be taught to be critically aware of the materials they read and shown how to validate information before accepting its accuracy.**Managing Internet Access**

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Information system security

- School computing systems capacity and security will be reviewed regularly.
- Virus protection will be updated regularly.
- Security strategies will be discussed with Hampshire County Council.

E-mail

- Pupils will not be allocated e-mail accounts.

Published content and the school web site

- The contact details on the Web site should be the school address, e-mail and telephone number. Staff or pupils' personal information will not be published.
- The headteacher will take overall editorial responsibility and ensure that content is accurate and appropriate.

Publishing pupil's images and work

- Photographs that include pupils will be selected carefully and staff will ensure only those children for whom we have parental consent appear on the website.
- Pupils' full names will not be used anywhere on the Website particularly in association with photographs.
- Written permission from parents or carers will be obtained via the consent form booklet before photographs of pupils are published.
- Pupil's work can only be published with the permission of the pupil and parents.

Social networking and personal publishing

- The school will block/filter access to social networking sites.
- Newsgroups will be blocked unless a specific use is approved.
- Pupils will be advised never to give out personal details of any kind which may identify them or their location.
- Pupils and parents will be advised that the use of social network spaces outside school is inappropriate for infant aged pupils.

Managing filtering

- The school will work with the LA, CSB and the Internet Service Provider to ensure systems to protect pupils are reviewed and improved.
- If staff or pupils discover an unsuitable site, it must be reported to the e-Safety Coordinator (DSL)
- Leadership will ensure that regular checks are made to ensure that the filtering methods selected are appropriate, effective and reasonable.

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.
- Pupils will not be allowed to bring mobile phones into school.
- Staff will use the school phone where contact with pupils or a parent is required to avoid personal phone numbers being inadvertently given out.

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Protecting personal data

- Personal data will be recorded, processed, transferred and made available according to the Data Protection Act 1998.

POLICY DECISIONS

Authorising Internet access

- All staff must read and sign the 'Acceptable ICT Use Agreement' before using any school computing resource.
- Pupil access to the Internet will be by adult demonstration with occasional directly supervised access to specific, approved on-line materials.
- Parents will be asked to sign and return a consent form, as part of the consent form booklet, before pupils will be allowed access to the Internet.

Assessing risks

- The school will take all reasonable precautions to ensure that users access only appropriate material. However, due to the international scale and linked nature of Internet content, it is not possible to guarantee that unsuitable material will never appear on a school computer. Neither the school nor HCC can accept liability for the material accessed, or any consequences of Internet access.
- The school will audit computer 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.
- Any complaint about staff misuse must be referred to the headteacher.
- Complaints of a child protection nature must be dealt with in accordance with school child protection procedures.
- Pupils and parents will be informed of the complaints procedure.

Community use of the Internet

- The school will liaise with local organisations to establish a common approach to e-safety.

COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

Introducing the e-safety policy to pupils

- E-safety rules will be posted in all networked rooms and discussed with the pupils at the start of each year. They will then be revisited each term.
- Pupils will be informed that network and Internet use will be monitored.

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5.2 Staff and the e-Safety policy

- All staff will be given the School e-Safety Policy and its importance explained.
- Staff should be aware that Internet traffic can be monitored and traced to the individual user. Discretion and professional conduct is essential.

5.3 Enlisting parents' support

- Parents' attention will be drawn to the School e-Safety Policy in newsletters, the school brochure and on the school Website.

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APPENDIX 1

Internet use - Possible teaching and learning activities

Activities	Key e-safety issues	Relevant websites
Creating web directories to provide easy access to suitable websites.	Parental consent should be sought. Pupils should be supervised. Pupils should be directed to specific, approved on-line materials.	Web directories e.g. Ikeep bookmarks Webquest UK
Using search engines to access information from a range of websites.	Parental consent should be sought. Pupils should be supervised. Pupils should be taught what internet use is acceptable and what to do if they access material they are uncomfortable with.	Web quests e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ask Jeeves for kids - Yahoooligans - CBBC Search - Kidsclick
Exchanging information with other pupils	Currently pupils have no access to personal school e-mail accounts. Pupils should never give out personal information.	Internet
Publishing pupils' work on school and other websites.	Pupil and parental consent should be sought prior to publication. Pupils' full names and other personal information should be omitted.	
Publishing images including photographs of pupils.	Parental consent for publication of photographs should be sought. File names should not refer to the pupil by name.	Making the News SuperClubs Learninggrids Museum sites, etc. Digital Storytelling BBC – Primary Art
Communicating ideas within chat rooms or online forums.	Pupils should never give out personal information.	