



Online safety policy

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1. Introduction

Agora Learning Partnership and its schools recognises that internet, mobile and digital technologies provide positive opportunities for children and young people to learn, socialise and play, but they also need to understand the challenges and risks. The digital world is an amazing place, but with few rules. It is vast and fast moving and young people's future economic success may be partly dependent on their online skills and reputation. We are, therefore, committed to ensuring that pupils, staff, governors and trustees will be supported to use internet, mobile and digital technologies safely. This is part of our safeguarding responsibility. Staff are aware that some pupils may require additional support or teaching, including reminders, prompts and further explanation to reinforce their knowledge and understanding of online safety issues.

We are also committed to ensuring that all those who work with children and young people, including their parents/carers, are informed about the ever-changing risks so that they can take an active part in helping children and young people navigate the online world safely and confidently.

2. Responsibilities

The headteachers, governors and trustees have ultimate responsibility to ensure that appropriate online safety policy and practice is embedded and monitored. The named online safety lead in each school is listed in Appendix A.

All breaches of this policy must be reported to the headteacher or CEO.

All breaches of this policy that may have put a child at risk must also be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) listed in Appendix A.

Organisations that are renting space from the school and are a separate organisation should have and follow their own online safety policy and acceptable use agreements. However, if the organisation has any access to the school network, cloud-based services and/or equipment then they must adhere to the school's online safety procedures and acceptable use agreements.

If the organisation is operating in school time or when pupils are on site in the care of the school, then the safeguarding of pupils is paramount and the organisation must adhere to the school's online safety procedures and acceptable use agreements.

3. Scope of Policy

The policy applies to:

- pupils
- parents/carers
- teaching and support staff
- school governors
- trustees
- peripatetic teachers/coaches, supply teachers, student teachers
- visitors
- volunteers
- voluntary, statutory or community organisations using the schools facilities

All schools work with partners and other providers to ensure that pupils who receive part of their education off site or who are on a school trip or residential are safe online.

All schools provide online safety information for parents/carers, for example through the website, in newsletters and at events. It is important that parents/carers understand their key role in supporting their child/ren to behave appropriately and keep themselves safe online.

This policy, supported by its acceptable use agreements, is intended to protect the interests and safety of the whole school community. It is linked to the following other school policies and documents: safeguarding, home learning, data protection, health and safety, home-school agreement, behaviour, anti-bullying and PSHCE/RSE policies. It also takes account of national guidance and policies for example Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) DfE.

All schools are registered, as a requirement of the Risk Protection Arrangements (RPA), with Policy Cyber Alarm.

4. Policy and Procedure

All schools seek to ensure that internet, mobile and digital technologies are used effectively and safely, for their intended educational purpose, in ways that will not infringe legal requirements or create unnecessary risk.

All schools expect everyone to use internet, mobile and digital technologies responsibly and strictly according to the conditions set out in this policy. This policy also includes expectations on appropriate online behaviour and use of technology outside of school for pupils, parents/carers, staff, governors and trustees and all other visitors to the school.

4.1 Use of email

Staff, governors and trustees should use a school email account or Governor Hub for all official school communication to ensure everyone is protected through the traceability of communication. Under no circumstances should staff contact pupils, parents or conduct any school business using a personal email address. Pupils should use school approved accounts on the school system for educational purposes. Where required parent/carer permission will be obtained for the pupil account to exist. For advice on emailing, sharing personal or confidential information or the need to gain parent permission refer to the data protection policy. Emails created or received as part of any school role will be subject to disclosure in response to a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Staff, governors, trustees and pupils should not open emails or attachments from suspect sources and should report their receipt to IT support at their school/base.

Users must not send emails which are offensive, embarrassing or upsetting to anyone (i.e., cyberbullying).

4.2 Visiting online sites and downloading

- Staff must preview sites, software and apps before their use in school or before recommending them to pupils. Before using any online service that requires user accounts to be created or the sharing of any personal data, staff must consult with the Academy Data Protection Lead or the Agora Learning Partnership's Data

Protection Officer with details of the site/service and seek approval from a senior leader. The terms and conditions of the service should be read and adhered to, and parental/carer permission sought where required. If internet research is set for homework, specific sites will be suggested that have previously been checked by the teacher. All users must observe copyright of materials from electronic sources.

- Staff must only use pre-approved systems if creating blogs, wikis or other online content.
- When working with pupils searching for images should be done through Google Safe Search (standard through the HICS service), Google Advanced Search or a similar application that provides greater safety than a standard search engine.
- Guidance for staff on preventing and responding to negative comments on social media can be found in the trusts social media Policy.

Users must not:

Visit internet sites, make, post, download, upload or pass on, material, remarks, proposals or comments that contain or relate to:

- Indecent images of children actually or apparently under the age of 18 or images of child abuse (i.e., images of children, digital or cartoons, involved in sexual activity or posed to be sexually provocative)
- Indecent images of vulnerable people over the age of 18 (i.e., images of vulnerable people, digital or cartoons involved in sexual activity or posed to be sexually provocative)
- Adult material that breaches the Obscene Publications Act in the UK
- Promoting discrimination of any kind in relation to the protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race or ethnicity, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation
- Promoting hatred against any individual or group from the protected characteristics above
- Promoting illegal acts including physical or sexual abuse of children or adults, violence, bomb making, drug and alcohol abuse and software piracy
- Any material that may bring the school or any individual within it into disrepute e.g., promotion of violence, gambling, libel and disrespect

Users must not:

- Reveal or publicise confidential or proprietary information
- Intentionally interfere with the normal operation of the internet connection, including the propagation of computer viruses
- Transmit unsolicited commercial or advertising material either to other users, or to organisations connected to other networks except where permission has been

given to the school

- Use the school's hardware and Wi-Fi facilities for running a private business
- Intimidate, threaten or cause harm to others
- Access or interfere in any way with other user's accounts
- Use software or hardware that has been prohibited by the school

Only a school device may be used to conduct school business outside of school. The only exception would be where a closed, monitorable system has been set up by the school for use on a personal device. Such a system would ensure the user was not saving files locally to their own device and breaching data security.

A monitorable system would be one such as LARA. Through LARA, any school documents accessed on a personal device are never actually on the computer being used, they remain on the school server. When the user logs-out of LARA, there are no copies left on their own device.

All breaches of prohibited behaviours detailed above will be investigated, where appropriate, in liaison with the police.

The school recognises that in certain planned curricular activities, access to controversial and/or offensive online content may be beneficial for educational use. In such circumstances, there is an expectation that access is pre-planned, risk assessed and recorded, and permission given by the headteacher.

4.3 Storage of Images

Photographs and videos provide valuable evidence of pupils' achievement and progress in a variety of contexts and can be used to celebrate the work of the school. In line with GDPR they are used only with the written consent of parents/carers which is secured in the first instance on a child's entry to the school. Records are kept on file and consent can be changed by parents/carers at any time. (See data protection policy for greater clarification).

Photographs and images of pupils are only stored on the school's agreed secure networks which include some cloud-based services. Rights of access to stored images are restricted to a limited range of staff. Staff and pupils may have temporary access to photographs taken during a class session, but these will be transferred/deleted promptly.

Parents/carers should note that there may be some children who are at risk and must not have their image put online and others who do not want their image online. For these reasons parents/carers must follow the school's Acceptable Use Agreement and refrain from taking or posting online photographs of any member of the school community, other than their own child/ren.

Staff and other professionals working with pupils, must only use school equipment to record images of pupils whether on or off site (see also the data protection policy). Permission to use images of all staff who work at the school is sought on induction and a written record is located in the personnel file.

4.4 Use of personal mobile devices (including phones)

The trust and its schools allow staff, including temporary and peripatetic staff, and visitors, to use personal mobile phones and devices only in designated areas and never in the presence of pupils. Under no circumstance does the school allow a member of staff to contact a pupil or parent/carer using their personal device.

Parents/carers may only use personal mobile phones and devices in designated areas unless otherwise informed, e.g., for specific events and activities. Under no circumstance should images be taken at any time on school premises or on off-site school events and activities of anyone other than their own child, unless there is a pre-specified permission from the Headteacher. When a parent/carer is on school premises but not in a designated area, their phone/s must be switched off and out of sight.

Pupils are allowed to bring personal mobile devices/phones to school but must not use them for personal purposes within lesson time. Mobile devices/phones should be handed into the child's class teacher at the start of the day, they will be returned at the end of the day. Under no circumstance should pupils use their personal mobile devices/phones to take images of:

- any other pupil unless they and their parents have given agreement in advance
- any member of staff

The school is not responsible for the loss, damage or theft of any personal mobile device that is brought into school.

Users bringing personal devices into school must ensure there is no inappropriate or illegal content on the device.

Personal mobile phones should never be used to access school emails and data. The only exception to this would be where a closed, monitorable system has been set up by the school for use on a personal device, including having multi factor authentication in place.

4.5 New technology devices

New personal technological devices may offer opportunities for teaching and learning. However, the school must consider educational benefit and carry out risk assessment before use in school is allowed. Parents/carers, pupils and staff should not assume that new technological devices will be allowed in school and should check with the school office before they are brought into school.

4.6 Reporting incidents, abuse and inappropriate material

There may be occasions in school when either a pupil or an adult receives an offensive, abusive or inappropriate message or accidentally accesses upsetting or abusive material. When such a situation occurs the pupil or adult must report the incident immediately to the first available member of staff, the DSP, the headteacher. Where such an incident may lead to significant harm, safeguarding procedures should be followed. The school takes the reporting of such incidents seriously and where judged necessary, the DSP will refer details to social care or the police.

5. Curriculum

Online safety is fully embedded within our curriculum. The schools provide a comprehensive age-appropriate curriculum for online safety which enables pupils to become informed, safe and responsible. This includes teaching to prevent radicalisation, for which staff provide a narrative to counter extremism. The PSHE curriculum, Relationships and Health Curriculum are central in supporting the delivery of online safety education.

The curriculum is flexible and can respond to any immediate online safety issues and risks as they emerge.

It is necessary for pupils to develop skills of critical awareness, digital resilience and good online citizenship to enable them to use internet, mobile and digital technologies safely and responsibly. Pupils are taught to recognise the creative, collaborative, cultural, economic and educational opportunities provided by the internet, mobile and digital technologies. Curriculum work will also include areas such as:

- Understanding how to use the internet, mobile and digital technologies in a balanced and appropriate way to avoid negative impact on wellbeing, e.g., regulated screen time and diverse online activity
- Learning how to develop a positive online reputation and enhance future opportunities e.g., in relationships and employment
- Developing critical thinking skills and the confidence to challenge and question what they see and read in relation to online content e.g., recognising fake news and extremism, understanding commercial manipulation, maintaining an authentic sense of self that is resilient to online pressure, learning how easy it is to lie online (i.e., users may not be who they say they are and may have ulterior motives)
- Understanding the dangers of giving out personal details online (e.g., full name, address, mobile/home phone numbers, school details, IM/email address) and the importance of maintaining maximum privacy online
- Thinking carefully before placing images online and considering their appropriateness and understanding the importance of gaining consent before posting photographs of others
- Understanding the permanency of all online postings and conversations
- Understanding relevant legislation, including copyright, and the importance of respecting other people's information, reputation and images
- Understanding the importance of online respect and what constitutes cyberbullying, how to avoid it, the impact it has and how to access help.
- How the law can help protect against online risks and abuse

6. Staff, Governor and Trustee Training

Staff, governors and trustees are trained to fulfil their roles in online safety. The school audits the training needs of all school staff and provides regular training to improve their knowledge and expertise in the safe and appropriate use of internet, mobile and digital technologies. This training is recorded as part of safeguarding records.

New staff are provided with a copy of the online safety policy and must sign the school's Acceptable Use Agreement as part of their induction and before having contact with pupils.

Any organisation working with children based on the school premises are also provided with a copy of the online safety policy and required to sign the Acceptable Use Agreement (Appendix C).

Peripatetic staff, student teachers and regular visitors are provided with a copy of the online safety policy and are required to sign the Acceptable Use Agreement (Appendix C).

Guidance is provided for occasional visitors, volunteers and parent/carer helpers (Appendix D).

7. Working in Partnership with Parents/Carers

The schools work closely with families to help ensure that children can use internet, mobile and digital technologies safely and responsibly both at home and school. The support of parents/carers is essential to implement the online safety policy effectively and help keep children safe.

It is important that parents/carers understand the crucial role they play in this process. The school seeks to regularly consult and discuss online safety with parents/carers and seeks to promote a wide understanding of the benefits of new technologies and associated risks. The school provides regular updated online safety information through the school website and by other means.

Parents/carers are asked upon admission to the school to read, discuss and co-sign with each child the Acceptable Use Agreement. A summary of key parent/carer responsibilities will also be provided and is available in Appendix F. The Acceptable Use Agreement explains the school's expectations and pupil and parent/carer responsibilities. The support of parents/carers is essential to implement the online safety policy effectively and keep all children safe.

8. Records, monitoring and review

The schools recognise the need to record online safety incidents and to monitor and review policies and procedures regularly in order to ensure they are effective and that the risks to pupils and staff are minimised.

With regards to filtering and monitoring this policy should be read in conjunction with the trust's Child Protection Policy which details all processes followed in the school.

All breaches of this policy must be reported and all reported incidents will be logged. All staff have the individual responsibility to ensure that incidents have been correctly

recorded, acted upon and reported. Online safety incident recording formats are provided in the appendices.

The schools support pupils and staff who have been affected by a policy breach. Where there is inappropriate or illegal use of internet, mobile and digital technologies, this will be dealt with under the school's behaviour and disciplinary policies as appropriate. Breaches may also lead to criminal or civil proceedings.

Governors on the Academy Governing Board should receive termly summary data on recorded online safety incidents for monitoring purposes. In addition, governors ensure they have sufficient, quality information to enable them to make a judgement about the fitness for purpose of this policy on an annual basis.

9. Appendices of the Online Safety Policy

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Appendix A – List of Online Safety Leads and DSLs (Designated Safeguarding Leads) at each School of the Trust

Online Safety Leads

Name of School / Trust	Online Safety Lead
Agora Learning Partnership	Rebecca Daulman
Alban Wood Primary School and Nursery	Hazel Pinder
Bromet Primary School	Maria Pace
The Grange Academy	Spencer Rignall
Meryfield Community Primary School	Alex Gage
The Orchard Primary School	Catherine Williams
Oxhey Wood Primary School	Jenny Morley
Warren Dell Primary School	Jenny Morley
Waterside Academy	Toby Mills-Bishop
Wilbury Junior School	Chelsea Atkins

DSLs

Name of School / Trust	Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
Agora Learning Partnership	Rebecca Daulman
Alban Wood Primary School and Nursery	Hazel Pinder
Bromet Primary School	Maria Pace
The Grange Academy	Spencer Rignall
Meryfield Community Primary School	Alex Gage
The Orchard Primary School	Bradley Williams
Oxhey Wood Primary School	Jenny Morley
Warren Dell Primary School	Jenny Morley
Waterside Academy	Toby Mills-Bishop
Wilbury Junior School	Chelsea Atkins

Appendix B – Online Safety Acceptable Use Agreement – Staff, Governors, Trustees and Student Teachers (on placement or on staff)

You must read this agreement in conjunction with the Agora Learning Partnership Online Safety Policy and Data Protection Policy. Once you have read these, you must sign and submit this agreement and it will be kept on record in the school. You should retain your own copy for reference. This forms part of your professional and safeguarding responsibilities. You will be asked to sign this on an annual basis, along with the Agora Learning Partnership's privacy notice. This ensures that all employees and governors understand their responsibilities in line with data protection/GDPR legislation.

Internet, mobile and digital technologies are part of our daily working life and this agreement is designed to ensure that all staff and governors are aware of their responsibilities in relation to their use. All staff and governors are expected to adhere to this agreement and to the online safety policy. Any concerns or clarification should be discussed with your headteacher or the CEO. Breaches will be investigated, recorded and, where appropriate, disciplinary procedures will apply and police involvement may be sought.

Internet Access

I will not access or attempt to access any sites on school or Trust equipment that contain any of the following: child abuse; pornography; discrimination of any kind; promotion of prejudice against any group; promotion of illegal acts; any other information which may be illegal or offensive. Inadvertent access on school or Trust equipment must be treated as an online safety incident, reported to the online safety lead and/or DSP and an incident report completed.

Online conduct

I will ensure that my online activity, both in and outside school, will not bring the school, my professional reputation, or that of others, into disrepute.

I will not browse, download, upload or distribute on or from school or Trust equipment any material that could be considered offensive, illegal or discriminatory. Exceptionally, use of controversial material as part of the curriculum should be planned and approved on every occasion (see policy).

I will report any accidental access to or receipt of inappropriate materials or filtering breach to the DSL.

I understand that all my use of the internet and other related technologies on school or trust equipment can be traced and monitored and, should it be required, must be made available to my line manager, headteacher and others as required.

I will not give out my personal contact and online account information such as phone numbers, email address, and social media account details to pupils and/or parents/carers.

Social networking

I understand the need to separate my professional role from my private friendships and will follow the Agora Learning Partnership's social media policy.

Passwords

I understand that there is no occasion when a personal password should be shared with a pupil or anyone who is not a staff member.

Data protection

I will follow requirements for data protection as outlined in the data protection policy. These include:

- Photographs must be kept securely and used appropriately, whether in school, taken off the school premises or accessed remotely
- Personal data can only be taken out of school or accessed remotely when authorised by the headteacher or governing body
- Personal or sensitive data taken off site must be encrypted

Images and videos

I will only upload images or videos of staff, pupils or parents/carers onto school approved sites where specific permission has been granted.

I will not take images, sound recordings or videos of school events or activities on any personal device.

Use of email

I will use my school/trust email address or Governor Hub for all school business. All such correspondence must be kept professional and is open to Subject Access Requests or requests under the Freedom of Information Act. I will not use my school email address for personal matters or non-school business.

Use of personal devices

I understand that as a member of staff, governor or trustee I should at no time put myself in a position where a safeguarding allegation can be made against me as a result of my use of personal devices. I understand that the use of personal devices in school is at the discretion of the headteacher.

I will only use approved personal devices in designated areas and never in front of pupils.

I will not access secure school information from personal devices (see policy) when in school or any other location unless a closed, monitorable system has been set up by the school. Such a system would ensure as the user I was not saving files locally to my own device and breaching data security.

A 'monitorable system' would be one such as LARA. Through LARA, any school documents accessed on a personal device are never actually on the computer being used, they remain on the school server. When the user logs-out of LARA, there are no copies left on their own device.

Additional hardware/software

I will not install any hardware or software on school equipment without permission of the headteacher.

Promoting online safety

I understand that online safety is the responsibility of all staff, governors and trustees and I will promote positive online safety messages at all times including when setting homework or providing pastoral support.

I understand that it is my duty to support a whole school safeguarding approach and will report any inappropriate or concerning behaviour (of other staff, governors, trustees, visitors, pupils or parents/carers) to the DSL, headteacher or CEO.

Classroom management of internet access

I will pre-check for appropriateness all internet sites used in the classroom; this will include the acceptability of other material visible, however briefly, on the site. I will not free surf the internet in front of pupils.

If I am using the internet to teach about controversial issues I will secure, on every occasion, approval in advance for the material I plan to use with the headteacher.

Video conferencing

I will only use the conferencing tools that have been identified and risk assessed by the school leadership, DPO and DSL. A school-owned device should be used when running videoconferences, where possible.

User signature

I agree to follow this Acceptable Use Agreement and to support online safety throughout the school. I understand this forms part of the terms and conditions set out in my contract of employment (staff members only) and/or my responsibilities as a governor/trustee.

Signature Date

Full Name (printed)

Job title

Appendix C - Online safety acceptable use agreements for peripatetic teachers/coaches, supply teachers and organisations using the school premises as a regular base.

Agora Learning Partnership

Online Safety Lead: See Appendix A

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): See Appendix A

This agreement forms part of your professional and safeguarding responsibility in the school. You must read and sign this agreement. This will be kept on record and you should retain your own copy for reference.

Internet, mobile and digital technologies are part of our daily working life and this agreement is designed to ensure that all staff and governors are aware of their responsibilities in relation to their use. You are expected to adhere to this agreement. Any concerns or clarification should be discussed with the headteacher. Breaches will be investigated, recorded and, where appropriate, disciplinary procedures will apply and police involvement may be sought.

The school's online safety policy will provide further detailed information as required.

Internet Access

I will not access or attempt to access any sites on school or trust equipment that contain any of the following: child abuse; pornography; discrimination of any kind; promotion of prejudice against any group; promotion of illegal acts; any other information which may be illegal or offensive. Inadvertent access on school or Trust equipment must be treated as an online safety incident, reported to the online safety lead and/or DSL and an incident report completed.

Online conduct

I will ensure that my online activity, both in and outside school, will not bring the school, my professional reputation, or that of others, into disrepute.

I will not browse, download, upload or distribute on or from school or trust equipment any material that could be considered offensive, illegal or discriminatory. Exceptionally, use of controversial material as part of the curriculum should be planned and approved on every occasion (see policy).

I will report any accidental access to or receipt of inappropriate materials or filtering breach to the headteacher.

I understand that all my use of the internet and other related technologies on school or trust equipment can be traced and monitored and, should it be required, must be made available to my line manager, headteacher and others as required.

I will not give out my personal contact and online account information such as phone numbers, email address, and social media account details to pupils and/or parents/carers.

Should I need to share my professional details, such as mobile phone number or email address, with parent/carers, this must be agreed in advance as an acceptable approach with the headteacher.

Social networking

I understand the need to separate my professional role from my private friendships and will follow the Agora Learning Partnership's social media policy.

Passwords

I must clarify what access I may have to the internet and/or school systems. If I have access of any kind, I understand that there is no occasion when a personal password should be shared with a pupil or anyone who is not a staff member.

Data protection

I will follow all requirements for data protection explained to me by the school. These include:

- I must consult with the school before making any recordings, photographs and videos. Once agreed, these must be made on a school device.
- I understand that there are strict controls and requirements regarding the collection and use of personal data. I will follow all requirements to comply with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

Images and videos

I will only upload images or videos of staff, pupils or parents/carers onto school approved sites where specific permission has been granted.

I will not take images, sound recordings or videos of tuition or wider school activities on any personal device. School devices can be used for this purpose or, in the case of 1:1 tuition, pupil or parent/carer devices can be used, with parent/carer agreement.

Internet, mobile and digital technologies provide helpful recording functions, but these cannot be made on a teacher's personal device. Recordings can be made with the child's and parent/carer's agreement on a school device, an organisational device approved by the headteacher/DSL, or a young person's or parent/carer's own device.

Use of Email

I will only use my professional or formal student email address for all school business. All such correspondence should be kept professional and is open to Subject Access Requests under the Freedom of Information Act. I will not use my professional email addresses for personal matters.

Use of personal devices

I understand that when working in the school I should at no time put myself in a position where a safeguarding allegation can be made against me as a result of my use of personal devices. I understand that the use of personal devices in school is at the discretion of the headteacher.

I will only use approved personal devices in designated areas and never in front of pupils. This therefore precludes use of specialist apps on personal devices. A school device could be used to access specialist apps that support pupil learning. Pupils can also be encouraged, but not required, to access such apps on their own devices if allowed by the school and with parent/carer agreement.

Additional hardware/software

I will not install any hardware or software on school equipment without permission of the headteacher.

Promoting online safety

I understand that online safety is part of my responsibility and I will promote positive online safety messages at all times, including when setting homework, rehearsal or skill practice or when providing pastoral support.

I understand that it is my duty to support a whole school safeguarding approach and will report any behaviour (of staff, governors, visitors, pupils or parents/carers) which I believe may be inappropriate or concerning in any way to the DSL, headteacher or CEO.

Classroom management of internet access

I will pre-check for appropriateness all internet sites used in the classroom; this will include the acceptability of other material visible, however briefly, on the site. I will not free surf the internet in front of pupils.

If I am using the internet to teach about controversial issues I will secure, on every occasion, approval in advance for the material I plan to use with the headteacher.

Video conferencing

I will only use the conferencing tools that have been identified and risk assessed by the school leadership, DPO and DSL. A school-owned device should be used when running videoconferences, where possible.

User Signature

I agree to follow this Acceptable Use Agreement and to support online safety in my work in the school. I understand this forms part of my company/educational setting/organisation's contract with the school.

Signature Date

Full Name (Please use block capitals)

Job Title/Role

Appendix D - Online Safety Requirements for Visitors, Volunteers and Parent/Carer Helpers

(Working directly with children or otherwise)

Agora Learning Partnership

Online Safety Lead: See Appendix A

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): See Appendix A

This document is designed to ensure that you are aware of your responsibilities when using any form of IT in the school and other aspects of safeguarding in connection with online safety.

Please raise any safeguarding concerns arising from your visit immediately with the headteacher and/or DSL.

- I understand I may only use my personal mobile phone(s) and other devices with camera functions in designated areas. When not in a designated area, phones must be switched off and out of sight. Any exception must be pre-arranged.
- I will not take images, sound recording or videos of school events or activities, on or off site, on any device. Any possible exception must be pre-arranged.
- I will not give out my personal details such as mobile phone number, email address, and social media account details to pupils and parent/carers. Where appropriate I may share my professional contact details with parents/carers provided the DSL or headteacher is informed before I leave the school.
- I understand my visit to the school may give me access to privileged information about pupils, staff, school systems and plans. Such information should never be shared online, including on social media sites.
- I understand I should not use school equipment to access the internet without prior approval from my contact in the school or the headteacher.
- If working in the classroom, I will pre-check for appropriateness all internet sites I intend to use including checking the acceptability of other material visible on the site. I will not free surf the internet in front of pupils. If I am in any doubt about the appropriateness of the content, I plan to use I will check with my contact in the school.

User signature

I agree to follow this Acceptable Use Agreement and to support online safety throughout the school. I understand this forms part of my responsibilities as a volunteer.

Signature

Date

Full Name (printed)

Appendix E - Online Safety Acceptable Use Agreement - Primary Pupils

My Online Safety Rules

- I will only use school IT equipment for activities agreed by school staff.
- I will not use my personal email address or other personal accounts in school.
- I will not sign up for any online service on school devices unless this is an agreed part of a school project approved by my teacher and agreed by my parent/carer.
- I will not open email attachments unless it has been approved by a member of school staff in school or a parent/carer out of school.
- In school I will only open or delete my files when told by a member of staff.
- I will not tell anyone other than my parents/carers my passwords. I will not use other people's usernames or passwords to pretend to be them online.
- I will make sure that all online contact that I make is responsible, polite and sensible. I will be kind and respectful at all times.
- If I come across anything upsetting, unpleasant or nasty, or anything that makes me feel unsafe, I will tell my teacher or my parent/carer immediately.
- If someone says, asks or posts about me anything upsetting, unpleasant or nasty, or anything that makes me feel unsafe, I will not reply. I will tell my teacher or my parent/carer immediately.
- I will not give out my own or other people's personal information, including name, phone number, home address, interests, schools or clubs or any personal image. I will let my teacher or parent/carer know if anyone asks me online for personal information.
- I understand that some people on the internet are not who they say they are and some people are not safe to be in contact with. I will not arrange to meet someone I only know on the internet. If someone asks to meet me, I will not reply to them and I will tell a teacher or a parent/carer immediately.
- Uploading or sending my image (photographs, videos, live streaming) online puts me at risk. I will always seek permission from my teacher or parent/carer if I wish to do this. I will not take, share or upload any image of anyone else without their permission and also, if they are a child, without their parent's/carer's permission.
- Even if I have permission, I will not upload any images, videos, sounds or words that could upset, now or in the future, any member of the school community, as this is cyberbullying.
- I understand that everything I do or receive online can be traced now and in the future. I know it is important to build a good online reputation.
- I understand that some personal devices are allowed in school and some are not, and I will follow the rules. I will not assume that new devices can be brought into school without getting permission.

- I understand my behaviour in the virtual classroom should mirror that in the physical classroom
- I will not lie about my age in order to access games, apps or social networks that are for older people as this will put me at risk.
- I understand that these rules are designed to keep me safe now and in the future. If I break the rules my teachers will look into it and may need to take action.

Dear Parent/Carer,

The internet, email, mobile technologies and online resources have become an important part of learning and life. We want all pupils to be safe and responsible when using any IT. It is essential that pupils are aware of online risk, know how to stay safe and know where to go to report problems or to get help.

Please read through these online safety rules with your child and talk with them to ensure they understand their importance and what it means for them (and for you). When you have done this, you both need to sign it to say that you agree to follow the rules. Any concerns or explanation can be discussed with your child’s teacher.

Please return the signed sections of this form which will be kept on record at the school.

Pupil agreement

Pupil name.....

This agreement is to keep me safe. I have discussed this agreement with my parents/carers and understand the commitment I have made and my responsibilities.

Pupil signature.....

Parent(s)/Carer(s) agreement

Parent(s)/Carer(s) name(s).....

I/we have discussed this agreement, which highlights the associated risks when accessing the internet, mobile and digital technologies, with our child. I/we agree to support them in following the terms of this agreement.

In order to protect children and staff at the school, I/we agree to raise any concerns directly with the school rather than placing information in a public domain, for example social media (which can be detrimental to any individuals concerned and mean that underlying issues are not addressed or resolved). Please see the school’s Complaints Policy for further information.

I/we also agree only to use personal mobile phones and devices in designated areas of the school unless otherwise informed, e.g., for specific events and activities. I/we understand that under no circumstance should images be taken at any time on school premises of anyone other than our own child/ren, unless there is a pre-specified agreement. I/we understand that when on school premises, but not in a designated area where phones can be used, they must be switched off and out of sight.

Parent/carer signature.....

Date

Appendix F - Online Safety Policy Guide for Parents / Carers – How to Support your Child and the School Community

The school provides online safety information for parents/carers, through the website, in newsletters and at events. It is important that parents/carers understand their key role in supporting children to behave appropriately and keep themselves safe online.

The online safety policy, supported by its acceptable use agreements, is intended to protect the interests and safety of the whole school community.

- Parents/carers are required to support their child in understanding and signing the Online Safety Acceptable Use Agreement for pupils.
- Parents/carers may only use personal mobile phones and devices in designated areas of the school unless otherwise informed, e.g., for specific events and activities. Under no circumstance should images be taken at any time on school premises that include anyone other than their own child, unless there is a pre-specified agreement with individuals and parents/carers. When a parent/carer is on school premises but not in a designated area, their phone/s must be switched off and out of sight.
- Parents/carers should not assume that pupils can bring technological devices to school and should always check the school policy.
- All cyberbullying incidents affecting children in the school should be reported immediately. (If the incident involves an indecent image of a child the report must also be made immediately to the police for your own protection.) The school will investigate and respond to all reported cyberbullying incidents, liaising with others where appropriate. No reply should ever be sent to the sender/poster of cyberbullying content. If applicable block the sender and report abuse to the site. Evidence should be retained for any investigation by the school and/or to the police. Evidence should not be forwarded.
- The school may choose to set up social media sites, blogs or have some other online presence in its own name. Parents/carers, however, do not have the right to set up any site, page, chat group or any other online presence that uses the school's name or logo in any form.
- Any parent/carer distressed or concerned about an aspect of school should make immediate contact with a member of staff rather than posting their concerns online. Parents/carers should not share school related information or images online or post material that may bring the school or any individual within it into disrepute. Negative postings about the school would impact on the reputation of the whole school community. Parents/carers are encouraged to report breaches so that we can protect the reputation of the school, staff, pupils and parents/carers.
- Should any parent continue to have concerns after speaking to a member of staff, the Agora Learning Partnership's Complaints policy should be followed.

Please see the full online safety policy in the policies section on the school website.

Appendix G - Guidance on the Process for Responding to Cyberbullying Incidents

All cyberbullying incidents should be reported and responded to. Where the perpetrator is a member of the school community the majority of cases can be dealt with through mediation and/or disciplinary processes.

The following procedures are recommended:

- Never reply to the sender/poster of cyberbullying content. If applicable, block the sender.
- Incidents should be reported immediately. Pupils should report to a member of staff (e.g., class teacher, headteacher) and staff members should seek support from their line manager or a senior member of staff.
- The person reporting the cyberbullying should save the evidence and record the time and date. This evidence must not be forwarded but must be available to show at a meeting. Under no circumstances should indecent images of children and young people be printed or forwarded as this is a further criminal act. Staff should not ask to see the evidence of reported indecent images of children or young people but must refer this immediately to the police. Any member of staff being shown such evidence should immediately inform their line manager or the headteacher so that the circumstances can be recorded.
- A senior member of staff will meet with the person who has reported the incident and the target, if different, to listen, reassure and support. All relevant facts will be reviewed and documented.
- A senior member of staff will conduct an investigation.
- Anyone found to have cyberbullied will have attention drawn to the seriousness of their behaviour and if necessary, the police will be involved. If the comments are threatening, abusive, sexist, of a sexual nature, constitute a hate crime or are libellous they may well break the law. Online harassment and stalking are also a crime.
- Once evidence has been secured then the person who has cyberbullied will be requested to remove the offending comments/material. Any refusal will lead to an escalation of sanctions.

Appendix H - Online Safety Incident Reporting Form

(for completion by any member of the school community)

Any member of the school community can raise a concern about an online safety incident. If you have witnessed or experienced an incident, please complete the form below to help us to address the issue. It is important that you provide as much detail as possible. Once completed please hand this report to the headteacher or CEO.

Name of person reporting incident:			
Signature:			
Date you are completing this form:			
Where did the incident take place:	Inside school?		Outside school?
Date of incident(s):			
Time of incident(s):			

Who was involved in the incident(s)?	Full names and/or contact details
Children/young people	
Staff member(s)	
Parent(s)/carer(s)	
Other, please specify	

Type of incident(s) (indicate as many as apply)			
Accessing age-inappropriate websites, apps and social media		Accessing someone else's account without permission	
Forwarding/spreading chain messages or threatening material		Posting images without permission of all involved	
Online bullying or harassment (cyber bullying)		Posting material that will bring an individual or the school into disrepute	
Racist, sexist, homophobic, religious or other hate material		Online gambling	
Sexting/Child abuse images		Deliberately bypassing security	
Grooming		Hacking or spreading viruses	
Accessing, sharing or creating pornographic images and media		Accessing and/or sharing terrorist material	
Accessing, sharing or creating violent images and media		Drug/bomb making material	
Creating an account in someone else's name to bring them into disrepute		Breaching copyright regulations	
Other breach of acceptable use agreement, please specify			

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Full description of the incident	What, when, where, how?
Name all social media involved	Specify: Twitter, Facebook, WhatsApp, Snapchat, Instagram etc
Evidence of the incident	Specify any evidence available but do not attach.

Thank you for completing and submitting this form

Appendix I - Online Safety Incident Record
(for completion by school staff)

Name of person reporting incident:			
Date of report:			
Where did the incident take place:	Inside school?		Outside school?
Date of incident(s):			
Time of incident(s):			

Who was involved in the incident(s)?	Full names and/or contact details
Children/young person	
Staff member(s)	
Parent(s)/carer(s)	
Other, please specify	

Type of incident(s) (indicate as many as apply)			
Accessing age-inappropriate websites, apps and social media		Accessing someone else's account without permission	
Forwarding/spreading chain messages or threatening material		Posting images without permission of all involved	
Online bullying or harassment (cyberbullying)		Posting material that will bring an individual or the school into disrepute	
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Accessing, sharing or creating pornographic images and media		Accessing and/or sharing terrorist material	
Accessing, sharing or creating violent images and media		Drug/bomb making material	
Creating an account in someone else's name to bring them into disrepute		Breaching copyright regulations	
Other breach of Acceptable Use Agreement			
Other, please specify			

Full description of the incident	What, when, where, how?
Name all social media involved	Specify: Twitter, Facebook, WhatsApp, Snapchat, Instagram etc
Evidence of the incident	Specify any evidence provided but do not attach

Immediate action taken following the reported incident:	
Incident reported to online safety lead /DSL/Headteacher	
Safeguarding advice sought, please specify	
Incident reported to CEO of Trust or Trust's Deputy DSL (AIL)	
Referral made to HCC Safeguarding	
Incident reported to police and/or CEOP by CEO/school	
Online safety policy to be reviewed/amended by Trust	
Parent(s)/carer(s) informed please specify	
Incident reported to social networking site	
Other actions e.g., warnings, sanctions, debrief and support	
Response in the wider community e.g., letters, newsletter item, assembly, curriculum delivery	

Brief summary of incident, investigation and outcome (for monitoring purposes)	
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Appendix K - Online safety incident log

Summary details of ALL online safety incidents will be recorded on this form by the online safety coordinator or other designated member of staff. This incident log will be monitored at least termly and information reported to SLT, governors and trustees.

Date & time	Name of pupil or staff member Indicate target (T) or offender (O)	Nature of incident(s)	Details of incident (including evidence)	Outcome including action taken

Appendix L – Useful resources for Remote Teaching and Learning

Below are resources (please note not an exhaustive list) to help schools manage and risk assess any remote teaching and working.

- [Government guidance on safeguarding and remote education](#)
- [The Key for School Leaders - Remote learning: safeguarding pupils and staff](#)
- [NSPCC Undertaking remote teaching safely](#)
- [LGfL Twenty safeguarding considerations for lesson livestreaming](#)
- [swgfl Remote working a guide for professionals](#)
- [National Cyber Security Centre Video conferencing. Using services securely](#)