

Netherton Park Nursery School



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E-Safety Policy

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Related policies:

- Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Social Media Policy
- Staff Code of Conduct
- Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage

Alison Ward (Headteacher) has **overall responsibility for online safety** and is the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Governor with responsibility for Safeguarding: Teresa Cutler

The internet is an essential element of 21st century life for education, business and social interaction. Our Nursery School has a duty to provide all pupils with quality internet access as part of their learning experiences. Therefore, to ensure they have opportunities to learn to stay safe and deal with the risks associated with the internet and communication technology in the world around them. Keeping our pupils safe involves educating all members of the Nursery School community, including Governors, parents and carers and staff working within the Nursery School.

Educating parents/carers

To ensure tht pupils are the safest they possibly can be, we must educate parents/carers about the risks of using the internet and communication technology for their children and the potential for their own use of technology to place themselves or their child at risk.

We ensure parents/carers receive information and support by:

- Providing links to information and resources on our website
- Providing updates vis Headteacher Newsletter and Tapestry
- Encouraging parents/carers to act as positive role models when using their technology
- Offering a sessions for parents/carers each year in February to tie in with World Safer Internet day

We share with parents/carers our belief that:

- Unsupervised use of social media intended for adults outside Nursery School is inappropriate for children of Nursery age
- Safety ratings are good indicators of how appropriate the levels of violence, sexual content, inappropriate language and the portrayal of drug taking and criminal acts are
- Family friendly filtering can help keep children safe, however education and the opportunity to develop safe practice is essential for keeping children safe
- If a child is happy to tell a parent/carer when they re worried, they are the safest they can possible be. Therefore, we encourage parents/carers to nurture a sense of trust between them and their child when talking about using technology.

Educating staff and the wider Nursery School community

- We ensure all new staff receive online safety information as part of their induction
- The DSL and Deputy DSL have access to specific training, updates and information to ensure they have the skills and knowledge necessary to lead on E-Safety
- All staff have access to basic online safety as part of our ongoing Safeguarding CPD

Basic training includes:

- ◇ Online safety issues for our pupils
- ◇ Specific reporting procedures
- ◇ Guidance on appropriate use of communication technology by staff and pupils
- ◇ Guidance for staff on how to stay safe
- ◇ Expectations in terms of passwords and data security
- ◇ Expectations in terms of professional conduct including the use of social media

The breadth of issues classified within online safety is considerable, but can be categorised into four areas of risk:

- **Content:** being exposed to illegal, inappropriate or harmful content, for example: pornography, fake news, racism, misogyny, self-harm, suicide, anti-Semitism, radicalisation and extremism.
- **Contact:** being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users; for example: peer to peer pressure, commercial advertising and adults posing as children or young adults with the intention to groom or exploit them for sexual, criminal, financial or other purposes.
- **Conduct:** personal online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes harm; for example, making, sending and receiving explicit images (e.g. consensual and non-consensual sharing of nudes and semi-nudes and/or pornography, sharing other explicit images and online bullying;
- **Commerce:** risks such as online gambling, inappropriate advertising, phishing and or financial scams. If you feel your pupils, students or staff are at risk, please report it to the Anti-Phishing Working Group (<https://apwg.org/>)

Keeping staff and pupils safe in our Nursery School

- All access to the internet is filtered by Smoothwall Monitoring
- The Nursery School will work with the LA, Smoothwall Monitoring and RM to ensure systems to protect pupils are reviewed and improved
- If staff or pupils discover an unsafe site that isn't filtered, they must report it immediately to the Headteacher who will take appropriate action immediately
- The Nursery School internet access is designed expressly for pupil use and includes appropriate filtering
- The Headteacher receives weekly reports from Smoothwall Monitoring

- At Netherton Park Nursery School staff do not use their own personal devices/accounts to contact parents/carers. To protect staff and pupils, the Nursery School holds a School mobile phone for contacting parents/carers via text.
- All staff have been provided with a School device for taking photos, videos and accessing Tapestry (iPad, Google Tablet, Kindle or laptop)

Mobile phones, computers and other digital devices can be a source of fun, entertainment, communication and education. However, we know that some adults and young people will still use these technologies to harm children. The harm may include sending hurtful or abusive texts and emails; enticing children to engage in sexually harmful conversations online; inappropriate/indecent webcam filming and photography or face-face meetings.

Children and young people may unknowingly also engage in activities that could put themselves and others at risk, such as revealing personal information and uploading images of others. We have zero tolerance to child on child abuse.

Nursery School Website

Only members of the SLT and Admin are able to log on to the Website as an administrator. The headteacher oversees all information that is added to the website. No pupils faces are added to the website. Only pupil's first names are used.

Social Networking as a communication device

We do use Facebook as a communication tool for the Nursery School. Please see our Social Media Policy for further information.

Acceptable use agreements

See the Staff Code of Conduct