



Lord Deramore's Primary School

E-Safety Policy

June 2017



E-Safety in school is overseen by the head teacher, James Rourke, and supported by the Computing Leading Teacher, Suzie McKenna. This policy should be read in conjunction with the ICT Policy, Safeguarding Policy and Data Protection Policy.

Rationale

The internet and other digital technologies permeate all aspects of life in a modern technological society. It has become part of everyday life in education, business and social interaction. Internet use is part of the statutory National Curriculum and is a necessary tool for staff and pupils. It is the entitlement of every pupil to have access to the internet and digital technologies, in order to enrich his/her learning. Similarly, at home, many children have access to a range of technologies and it is part of the responsibility of school, alongside parents, to help to educate children in how to stay safe.

Scope

This policy applies to all pupils, all teaching staff, all support staff, all governors and all volunteers.

Overall aim

Our overall aim is that all children at Lord Deramore's will understand how to stay safe when accessing the internet, both at school and at home.

Objectives

All children at Lord Deramore's should learn

- that the internet contains an almost infinite amount of information which, when used appropriately, can be educational and entertaining.
- that most of the information on the internet is not verified and therefore has to be checked for accuracy.
- that there is some content on the internet which is inappropriate or even illegal and should be avoided.
- that the internet is a powerful tool for communication which allows us to be in instant contact with people from all over the world.
- that some people misuse the internet to communicate unkind or hateful messages (including cyber bullying) and that these people should be reported.
- that some people on the internet are not who they say they are.
- that a small number of people want to hurt children and could use the internet to make contact with them.

Through computing and subject lessons, pupils will develop an understanding of the uses, importance and limitations of finding information on the internet.

- Pupils will be taught how to effectively use the internet for research purposes.
- Pupils will be taught to evaluate the information they find on the internet.
- Pupils will be taught how to report inappropriate web content.
- Pupils will develop a positive attitude to using the internet and develop their ICT capability through both independent and collaborative working.
- Pupils have opportunities to engage in independent and collaborative learning using the internet and other digital technologies.

Through computing and subject lessons, pupils will develop an understanding of how to use the internet to communicate safely.

- Pupils will be taught how to use email effectively, including checking for bogus messages.
- Older pupils will be taught how to share information using blogging or a shared area such as Google Drive, and how to comment on other people's posts appropriately.
- Pupils will be taught how to respond to inappropriate comments (cyber bullying).
- Pupils will be taught not to share passwords.
- Pupils will be taught how to respond to unsolicited attention.

Methodology

In line with all City of York schools, there is a 'firewall' preventing harmful material and inappropriate sites from being accessed at school. City of York council are responsible for updating and maintaining this. Even with this in place, children are encouraged to talk to a member of staff if they see something on the internet which makes them feel uncomfortable. If unsuitable content were accessed, the staff have responsibility to report it to the Computing Leading teacher and the head teacher.

E-Safety is part of the National Curriculum for Computing. It is explicitly taught in all year groups as part of the City of York Computing Curriculum. To compliment our teaching, we use resources from:

www.thinkyouknow.co.uk (Hector's World) (Lee and Kim)

www.kidsmart.org.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/stay-safe

www.childnet.com (Adventures of Kara, Winston and the SMART crew)

Children, staff and visitors are all made aware of our 'Safe Use of the Internet Policies'. (See copies at the end of this policy). Policies are on classroom walls, in the school office and published on the School Website. E-Safety information is also contained within the Staff Handbook.

In class, staff model good internet practices and etiquette.

In addition:

Every year the Digital Leaders (a group of Year 5 and 6 interested pupils) put on an assembly to promote E-Safety.

Our local PCSO, Tony Barge, runs E-Safety sessions with Year 5 and 6.

Our local PCSO runs an E-Safety session for interested parents

Mobile Phones and other handheld technology

Pupils are only permitted to have mobile phones or other personal handheld technology in school with the permission of the Headteacher, for example, for Year 6 to take photographs on their last day of school. If they are brought into school at other times, they are kept in the school office until the end of the day.

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