

e-safety for children and acceptable use

The internet is now regarded as an essential resource to support teaching and learning. Computer skills are vital to accessing life-long learning and employment and we must provide managed access to devices linked to the internet to enable children to control their own experiences.

However, it is also vital for children to learn how to be e-safe from an early age and it is important to begin to teach them to be aware of and respond responsibly to possible risks. We need to ensure that children know how to ask for help if they come across material that makes them feel uncomfortable and empower them with the knowledge and skills to keep safe. Regular teaching of e safety will be part of the provision and be age/developmental stage appropriate.

The DSL/DDSL will access up to date online safety training for early years children and cascade and refresh information and practices as necessary.

Children are supervised at all times whilst using the setting tablets. These tablets have monitoring and restriction software installed and are unable to share photographs or videos. They have no email platforms installed.

The nursery staff will be responsible for:

Guiding the children in online activities or using the internet as a research tool that will support their learning. Staff should not overuse tablets or internet e.g. playing a story book when a physical copy is available to read

Monitoring websites (alongside the restriction software) being used by the children and ensure the material is appropriate

Safely accessing music streaming site Spotify from tablets and using it to support teaching and learning

Ensuring that the manager is informed immediately if staff or children discover unsuitable sites have been accessed so that filters can be reviewed

Ensuring 'acceptable use' rules regarding the use of all electronic devices, including the use of cameras, by children are embedded in practice

Modelling safe practice at all times

Ensuring personal details of children will never be shared over the internet.

Staff are aware of procedures to follow in the event of online safety concerns. In the first instance, staff should always report any e safety concerns to the DSL/DDSL who will be able to make decisions about how and when to escalate concerns.

We will work with parents to ensure that they are aware of safe internet use in the nursery and at home. The nursery may update parents with the latest advice through notice boards, newsletters and Facebook page, and engage with the annual Safer Internet Day and share information and advice with families.