



# **Thorner's Church of England Primary School**

## **E-safety Policy**

### **Rationale**

Computers and the internet offer a wide range of learning opportunities that can enhance children's education. The aim of this policy is to ensure that our children learn to use these valuable, essential parts of modern life safely and sensibly.

### **Guidelines**

#### At school:

- Children will follow the school's Rules for Responsible Internet Use
- Children will use the internet (filtered through Dorset's Intranet – the South West Grid for Learning - SWGFL) under the guidance and instruction of school staff.
- Children are allowed to use search engines only with guidance and supervision by a member of staff.
- In lessons the use of the internet will be directly related to the learning, and websites will be checked by the teachers prior to lessons.
- Children will be informed about the rules regarding copyright and will not be allowed to download, copy and paste copyrighted materials.
- If Dorset's filtering system fails and inappropriate material is seen by the children, they should be encouraged by staff (and parents) to report it immediately to their teacher who, in turn, will report it to the ICT co-ordinator / technician.
- Children will only use the user name that they have been given for the school network. Children will be taught to respect the privacy of the files of other users.
- CDs and memory sticks from home cannot be used on the school's computers.
- Children will be taught about e-safety through the curriculum and websites such as Hector's World and The Smart Adventure which are also recommended to parents.
- The school can, at its discretion, filter sites considered unsuitable for school children (for example content on the web).
- The school can, at its discretion, un-filter sites considered suitable for school children (for example content on the web).
- No child at Thorner's CE VA Primary School should be on social networking sites, either at home or at school.
- For safeguarding purposes, adults in the school should not exchange personal details with children and should not text or e-mail individual children.

#### At home:

- Parents are encouraged to discuss with their children the potential dangers of the internet. Essential messages to give the children:
  - they should not talk to anyone on the internet who they have not met in real life
  - they must never give personal information (such as birthday, address, school, hobbies) to anyone they do not personally know.
- Young children should be strongly discouraged from putting pictures of themselves on the internet.
- Children should always be told to report abuse or 'cyber-bullying' to a trusted adult.

The school website's link to Internet Safety offers useful websites that parents may access if they have concerns about their child's use of the computer.

Please read this policy in conjunction with our:  
Child Protection Policy  
Social Networking Policy

In accordance with the Equality Duty we seek to ensure that all pupils achieve their best, according to their capabilities and regardless of their special needs, disability, gender, race, culture, social, economic, ethnic, religious background and denominational diversity.

Thorner's CE VA Primary School recognises that the welfare of the child is paramount and takes seriously its responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of the children and young people in its care.

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