



Thorner's Church of England VA Primary School

Fledglings Pre-School

E-safety Policy

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.

At pre-school:

- Children will follow the pre-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 pre-school staff.
- Children are allowed to use search engines only with guidance and supervision by a member of staff.
- Children will be informed about the rules for using the internet.
- If Dorset's filtering system fails and inappropriate material is seen by the children, staff will report it immediately to their parents and the ICT co-ordinator / technician and seek outside help if needed.
- CDs and memory sticks from home cannot be used on the school's computers.
- Children will be taught about e-safety through discussion, pictures and video clips and using websites such as Hector's World which are also recommended to parents.
- The pre-school can, at its discretion, filter sites considered unsuitable for pre-school children (for example content on the web).
- No child at Fledglings pre-school should be on social networking sites, either at home or at pre-school.
- For safeguarding purposes, adults in the pre-school should not exchange personal details with children and should not text or e-mail individual children.
- When a child asks to use a computer the staff will help the child to load suitable dvd games and observe the child while they play. If the child wishes to go on to cbeebies then a staff member will put them on this and observe the child to make sure the child does not move off that website.

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.

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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This policy will be reviewed and updated annually or as and when deemed necessary.