

HORSLEY WOODHOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

E-SAFETY POLICY

E-Safety

E-Safety encompasses the use of new technologies, internet and electronic communications such as mobile phones, collaboration tools and personal publishing. It highlights the need to educate pupils about the benefits and risks of using technology and provides safeguards and awareness for users to enable them to control their online experience.

The schools' e-safety policy will operate in conjunction with other policies including those for Child Protection, Behaviour, Bullying, Curriculum, Data Protection and Disability Equality.

End to End E-Safety

E-Safety depends on effective practice at a number of levels:

- Responsible ICT use by all staff and students; encouraged by education and made explicit through published policies.
- Sound implementation of e-safety policy in both administration and curriculum, including secure school network design and use.
- Safe and secure broadband from KCOM and CAPITA including the effective management of Open HIVE filtering.

E-Safety Audit

This quick audit will help the senior management team assess whether the basics of e-safety are in place. Schools will also design learning activities that are inherently safe and might include those detailed within Appendix 1.

The school has an e-Safety Policy that complies with Curriculum for Excellence guidance.	YES
Date of latest update: March 2014	
The Policy was agreed by governors on: April 2014	
The Policy is available for staff in the office	
The Policy is available for parents in the office	
The Designated Child Protection Coordinator is Mrs E Peach	
The e-Safety Coordinator is Mr R Knowles	
All staff sign an Acceptable ICT Use Agreement on appointment.	YES
Parents sign and return an agreement that their child will comply with the school Acceptable ICT Use statement.	YES
Rules for Responsible Use have been set for pupils:	YES
These Rules are displayed in all rooms with computers.	YES
Internet access is provided by an approved educational Internet service provider and complies with DfE requirements for safe and secure access	YES
The school filtering policy has been approved.	YES
School personal data is collected, stored and used according to the principles of the Data Protection Act.	YES

E-Safety Policy

1. E-SAFETY POLICY

The e-Safety Policy is part of the School Plan and relates to other policies including those for ICT, bullying and for child protection.

- The school has an e-Safety Coordinator – the ICT Co ordinator and Headteacher
- The e-Safety Policy and its implementation will be reviewed regularly.

2. TEACHING AND LEARNING

Why Internet use is important

- The Internet is an essential element in 21st century life for education, business and social interaction. The school has a duty to provide pupils with quality Internet access as part of their learning experience.
- Internet use is a part of the statutory curriculum and a necessary tool for staff and pupils.

Internet use will enhance learning

- The school Internet access will be designed expressly for pupil use and will include filtering appropriate to the age of pupils.
- Pupils will be taught what Internet use is acceptable, and what is not, and given clear objectives for Internet use.
- Pupils will be educated in the effective use of the Internet in research, including the skills of knowledge, location, retrieval and evaluation.

Pupils will be taught how to evaluate Internet content

- The school will ensure that the use of Internet-derived materials by staff and pupils complies with copyright law.
- Pupils should be taught to be critically aware of the materials they read and shown how to validate information before accepting its accuracy.

3. MANAGING INTERNET ACCESS

Information system security

- School ICT systems capacity and security will be reviewed regularly.
- Virus protection will be updated regularly.
- Security strategies will be discussed with CAPITA.

Published content and the school website

- The contact details on the Website are the school address, e-mail and telephone number. Staff or pupils' personal information will not be published.
- The Headteacher will take overall editorial responsibility and ensure that content is accurate and appropriate.

Publishing pupil's images and work

- Photographs that include pupils will be selected carefully and will not enable individual pupils to be clearly identified.
- Pupils' full names will not be used anywhere on the Website, particularly in association with photographs.
- Written permission from parents or carers will be obtained before photographs of pupils are published on the school Web site.
- Pupils' work can only be published with the permission of the pupils and parents.

Social networking and personal publishing

- The school will block/filter access to social networking sites.
- Newsgroups will be blocked unless a specific use is approved.

- Pupils will be advised never to give out personal details of any kind which may identify them or their school or their location.
- Pupils and parents will be advised that the use of social network spaces outside school is inappropriate for primary-aged pupils.

Managing filtering

- The school will work with CAPITA, the LA, and Department for Education to ensure systems to protect pupils are reviewed and improved.
- If staff or pupils discover an unsuitable site, it must be reported to the e-Safety Coordinator.
- Senior staff will ensure that regular checks are made to ensure that the filtering methods selected are appropriate, effective and reasonable.

Managing emerging technologies

- Emerging technologies will be examined for educational benefit and a risk assessment will be carried out before use in school is allowed.
- Mobile phones will not be used during lessons or formal school time. The sending of abusive or inappropriate text messages is forbidden.
- Staff will be issued with a school phone where contact with pupils is required.

Protecting personal data

- Personal data will be recorded, processed, transferred and made available according to the Data Protection Act 1998.

4. POLICY DECISIONS

Authorising Internet access

- All staff must read and sign the 'Acceptable ICT Use Agreement' before using any school ICT resource.
- The school will keep a record of all staff and pupils who are granted Internet access. The record will be kept up-to-date, for instance a member of staff may leave or a pupil's access be withdrawn.
- At Key Stage 1, access to the Internet will be by adult demonstration with occasional directly supervised access to specific, approved on-line materials.
- Parents will be asked to sign and return a consent form.

Assessing risks

- The school will take all reasonable precautions to ensure that users access only appropriate material. Due to the international scale and linked nature of Internet content, however, it is not possible to guarantee that unsuitable material will never appear on a school computer. Neither the school nor Capita can accept liability for the material accessed, or any consequences of Internet access.
- The school will audit ICT provision to establish if the e-safety policy is adequate and that its implementation is effective.

Handling e-safety complaints

- Complaints of Internet misuse will be dealt with by a senior member of staff.
- Any complaint about staff misuse must be referred to the Headteacher.
- Complaints of a child protection nature must be dealt with in accordance with school Child Protection procedures.
- Pupils and parents will be informed of the complaints procedure.
- Discussions will be held with the Police or Police Community Support Officer to establish procedures for handling potentially illegal issues.

5. COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

Introducing the e-safety policy to pupils

- E-safety rules will be posted in all networked rooms and discussed with the pupils at the start of each year.
- Pupils will be informed that network and Internet use will be monitored.

Staff and the e-Safety policy

- All staff will be given the School e-Safety Policy and its importance explained.
- Staff should be aware that Internet traffic can be monitored and traced to the individual user. Discretion and professional conduct is essential.

Enlisting parents' support

- Parents' attention will be drawn to the School e-Safety Policy in newsletters, the school brochure, meetings for parents and on the school Website.

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Approved by Governing Body:

Review due: annually