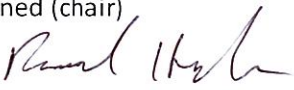
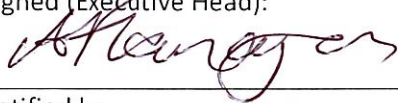




Oldbury on Severn C of E Primary School

Love one another as I have loved you' (John 15:12)

Online Safety Policy

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On Line Safety Policy

The purpose of this policy statement

Oldbury-on-Severn CEVC Primary School works with children and families as part of its activities.

The purpose of this policy statement is to:

- ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and young people is paramount when adults, young people or children are using the internet, social media or mobile devices
- provide staff and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to online safety
- ensure that, as an organisation, we operate in line with our values and within the law in terms of how we use online devices. The policy statement applies to all staff, volunteers, children and young people and anyone involved in Oldbury-on-Severn Primary School's activities.

Legal framework

- This policy has been drawn up on the basis of legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to protect children in England. Summaries of the key legislation and guidance are available on:
- [online abuse learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-abuse-and-neglect/online-abuse](https://onlineabuselearning.nspcc.org.uk/child-abuse-and-neglect/online-abuse)
- [bullying learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying](https://bullyinglearning.nspcc.org.uk/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying)
- [child protection learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-protection-system](https://childprotectionlearning.nspcc.org.uk/child-protection-system)
- We believe that:
- children and young people should never experience abuse of any kind
- children should be able to use the internet for education and personal development, but safeguards need to be in place to ensure they are kept safe at all times.

We recognise that:

- the online world provides everyone with many opportunities; however it can also present risks and challenges
- we have a duty to ensure that all children, young people and adults involved in our organisation are protected from potential harm online
- we have a responsibility to help keep children and young people safe online, whether or not they are using Oldbury-on-Severn's network and devices

- all children, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse

We will seek to keep children and young people safe by:

- appointing an online safety coordinator
- providing clear and specific directions to staff and volunteers on how to behave online through our behaviour code for adults
- supporting and encouraging the young people using our service to use the internet, social media and mobile phones in a way that keeps them safe and shows respect for others
- supporting and encouraging parents and carers to do what they can to keep their children safe online
- developing an online safety agreement for use with young people and their parents/carers
- developing clear and robust procedures to enable us to respond appropriately to any incidents of inappropriate online behaviour, whether by an adult or a child/young person
- reviewing and updating the security of our information systems regularly
- ensuring that user names, logins, email accounts and passwords are used effectively – staff and pupils are only to use their own accounts and must not share usernames and passwords.
- ensuring personal information about the adults and children who are involved in our organisation is held securely and shared only as appropriate
- ensuring that computer screens are locked or logged off when not in use.
- ensuring that images of children, young people and families are used only after their written permission has been obtained, and only for the purpose for which consent has been given
- providing supervision, support and training for staff and volunteers about online safety
- examining and risk assessing any social media platforms and new technologies before they are used within the organisation.

If online abuse occurs, we will respond to it by:

- having clear and robust safeguarding procedures in place for responding to abuse (including online abuse)
- providing support and training for all staff and volunteers on dealing with all forms of abuse, including bullying/cyberbullying, emotional abuse, sexting, sexual abuse and sexual exploitation
- making sure our response takes the needs of the person experiencing abuse, any bystanders and our organisation as a whole into account

- reviewing the plan developed to address online abuse at regular intervals, in order to ensure that any problems have been resolved in the long term.
- working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare and in helping young people to be responsible in their approach to online safety

Filtering and monitoring

These are both important parts of safeguarding pupils and staff from potentially harmful and inappropriate online material. The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is responsible for ensuring the standards are met. They are also take lead responsibility for safeguarding and online safety which includes:

- making sure all staff understand their role, are appropriately trained and follow policies, processes and procedures
- acting on reports and concerns
- Integra is Oldbury's External Service Provider. They have technical responsibility for:
 - Managing filtering and monitoring systems
 - Providing filtering and monitoring reports
 - Carrying out checks and reviews
 - Identifying risk
 - Completing actions following concerns or checks to systems

Our filtering system blocks harmful and inappropriate content, without unreasonably impacting teaching and learning. There are effective monitoring strategies in place that meet the safeguarding needs of the school.

Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/meeting-digital-and-technology-standardsin-schools-and-colleges/filtering-and-monitoring-standards-for-schools-and-colleges>.

Related policies and procedures

This policy statement should be read alongside our organisational policies and procedures, including:

- Child protection
- Procedures for responding to concerns about a child or young person's wellbeing
- Dealing with allegations of abuse made against a child or young person
- Managing allegations against staff and volunteers
- Code of Conduct for staff and volunteers
- Anti-bullying policy and procedures
- Photography and image sharing guidance