

# Kids Club

## Safe Internet Use

Kids Club recognises that the Internet is a useful resource for both staff and children, for purposes of research, homework and entertainment. However it must be used with care to ensure the children are kept safe from exposure to harmful material, in accordance with the EYFS safeguarding and welfare requirements and the Prevent Duty.

### Parental Permission

Children will only be allowed to access the Internet at the Club if their parent or carer has given written permission.

### Guidelines for children

A copy of the **SMART** guidelines will be printed out and kept next to the computer. The guidelines will be explained to any children wishing to access the Internet:

- **Safe:** Keep safe by not giving out personal information - such as name, email, phone number, address, or school name - to people who you don't trust online.
- **Meeting:** Never agree to meet anyone you have only met online unless your parent or carer is with you.
- **Accepting:** Do not accept emails or instant messages, or open files, images or texts from people you don't know. They can contain viruses or nasty messages.
- **Reliable:** Not all the information found on the Internet is reliable and people you meet online won't always be telling the truth.
- **Tell:** Tell a member of staff or your parents if someone or something you encounter online makes you feel uncomfortable.

### Protecting Children

We have put in place the following safeguards to keep children safe whilst accessing the internet on the club's computer:

- A risk assessment has been undertaken.
- Parental controls have been activated on all computers accessible to children; Google SafeSearch filtering is turned on, YouTube restricted mode is set to on.
- The computer is located so that the screen can easily be seen from the rest of the room.
- Staff will supervise the use of the Internet.
- The computer has an up to date virus checker and firewall installed.
- The computer's browser history is regularly checked to monitor which sites are being accessed and all staff and children are informed of this fact.

If, despite the safeguards the club has put in place, a child encounters harmful material on the internet, receives inappropriate messages, or experiences online bullying, whilst using the club's computers, the managers will be informed and the incident will be noted on an incident record in the child's file. The child's parents will be asked to sign the incident record. The manager will investigate how to prevent a recurrence of the incident.

If staff at the club become aware that a child is deliberately attempting to access sites containing sexual, extremist or otherwise inappropriate material, or has been shown such material by a third party, they will complete a logging a concern form and refer the matter to the Club's designated child protection officer in accordance with our safeguarding policy.

**Related Policies**

See also: Safeguarding Children Policy, Social Media Policy.

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Written in accordance with the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2024): Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Introduction [3.2]; Child Protection [3.6-3.7].*