Bolshaw Primary School

Safeguarding - E-Safety
Acceptable User Policy

For parents and children

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E-Safety Acceptable Use Policy Agreement 2022-2023

Digital technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people, both within schools and outside school. These technologies provide powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. They can stimulate discussion, promote creativity and stimulate awareness of context to promote effective learning. Young people should have an entitlement to safe internet access at all times.

This Acceptable Use Agreement Policy within school is intended to ensure:

• that young people will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other communications technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.

• that school and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.

• that parents and carers are aware of the importance of online safety and are involved in the education and guidance of young people with regard to their on-line behaviour.

The internet provides children and young people with a wealth of opportunities for their entertainment, communication and education. But there are also risks of harm through the deliberate behaviour of others online, and through exposure to inappropriate content.

As children grow up in an increasingly digital world, they need to be aware of the risks they face online. We have designed a number of Internet Acceptable Use Agreements that are age-appropriate, and that outline correct use of new and emerging technologies.

These have been written following DfE best practice guidelines, and in conjunction with our Safeguarding Team. They form part of our school E-Safety Policy.

The school will endeavour to ensure that our pupils, staff and volunteers will have good access to digital technologies to enhance learning opportunities for pupils, enhance their work and will, in return, expect our pupils to agree to be responsible users.

Information on all our e-safety procedures and policies can be found on our school website so that parents / carers are aware of the school expectations of the children in our care. E-safety procedures are also displayed in classrooms around school so children are aware of our e-safety contracts and expectations.

All parents/carers, children and staff are asked to sign the permission forms to show their support of the school in this important aspect of the school's work.

Please let us know on School Spider that you have read and understood this statement and have access to the school's safeguarding policy.

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Parent / Carer Consent for Internet Access:

I understand that the school has discussed the E-safety Pupil Acceptable Use Policy Agreement with my son / daughter and that they will receive regular online safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of technology and the internet – both in and out of school.

I understand that the school will take every reasonable precaution, including monitoring and filtering systems, to ensure that young people will be safe when they use the internet and ICT systems. I also understand that the school cannot ultimately be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed on the internet and using mobile technologies.

I understand that the school takes any inappropriate behaviour seriously and will respond to observed or reported inappropriate or unsafe behaviour.

I understand that my child's activity on the ICT systems will be monitored and that the school will contact me if they have concerns about any possible breaches of the Acceptable Use Policy.

I will encourage my child to adopt safe use of the internet and digital technologies at home and will inform the school if I have concerns over my child's e-Safety.

Social networking and media sites and Use of digital images, photography and video: I understand that the school has a clear policy on "The use of social networking and media sites" and "Use of digital images and video" and I support this.

I have read and understood the school's E-Safety Acceptable Use Policy Agreement and give permission for my son/daughter to access

- the Internet at school
- apps, websites and software programmes specifically selected to enhance learning
- the school's chosen email system
- ICT facilities and equipment at the school

Please complete the declaration on School Spider

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Parent /Carer Consent for Use of Digital / Video Images

The use of digital / video images plays an important part in learning activities. Pupils and members of staff may use digital devices to record evidence of activities in lessons and out of school. Digital devices used must belong to school. Staff and children are not permitted to use their own personal devices to take digital images of children. These images may then be used in presentations in subsequent lessons. Images may also be used to celebrate success through their publication in newsletters, on the school website and occasionally in the public media.

In accordance with guidance from the Information Commissioner's Office, parents / carers are welcome to take videos and digital images of their children at school events for their own personal use (as such use in not covered by the Data Protection Act). To respect everyones privacy and in some cases protection, these images should not be published / made publicly available on parent/carer or pupil social networking sites, nor should parents / carers comment on any activities involving other pupils in the digital / video images. Staff and authorised personnel (i.e school photographer) may also take digital images or video recordings of events for use in school.

Parents / carers are requested to sign the permission form below to allow the school to take and use images of their children and for the parents / carers to agree to the use of digital technologies in school.

☐ I agree for digital images and video recordings of my child to be used within school, placed on the school's website, school's twitter feed, the Class Dojo Story page.

☐ I agree for digital images of my child to be used in newsletters/booklets which may be distributed to parents.

☐ I agree for my child to take part in school activities/performances where they may be photographed or videoed.

☐ I agree for my child to have their photograph taken by official press if required.

☐ I agree for my child's digital image and recordings of my child to be uploaded onto secure password protected apps / websites. Apps and websites are used to enhance children's curriculum studies and also enables school staff to create photobooks, video clips, journals and artwork celebrating children's achievements. Images are held on a password protected secure cloud.

☐ I agree that any video, digital or photographic imagery I take at school events/performances which include images of children, other than my own, will be used solely for personal and domestic purposes and will not be put in the public domain (which includes social network internet sites e.g. Facebook)

☐ I agree that I will abide by the conditions set out in this letter, which is available for viewing on the school's website. I understand that I may retract this permission in writing at any time

☐ I also understand that CCTV is installed in the school grounds, but that this is used solely for security purposes and will not be used to monitor children.

Please give your agreement of the above points on School Spider