



**E-SAFETY POLICY**

### **Background and rationale**

The potential that technology has to impact on the lives of all citizens increases year on year. This is probably even more true for children, who are generally much more open to developing technologies than many adults. In many areas, technology is transforming the way that schools teach and that children learn. At home, technology is changing the way children live and the activities in which they choose to partake; these trends are set to continue.

While developing technology brings many opportunities, it also brings risks and potential dangers of which these are just a few:

- Access to illegal, harmful or inappropriate images or other content;
- Allowing or seeking unauthorised access to personal information;
- Allowing or seeking unauthorised access to private data, including financial data;
- The risk of being subject to grooming by those with whom they make contact on the internet;
- The sharing / distribution of personal images without an individual's consent or knowledge;
- Inappropriate communication / contact with others, including strangers;
- Cyber-bullying;
- Access to unsuitable video / internet games;
- An inability to evaluate the quality, accuracy and relevance of information on the internet;
- Plagiarism and copyright infringement;
- Illegal downloading of music or video files;
- The potential for excessive or addictive use which may impact on social and emotional development and learning.

This policy sets out how we strive to keep children safe with technology while they are in school. We recognise that children are often more at risk when using technology at home (where we have no control over the technical structures put in place to keep them safe) and so this policy also sets out how we educate children about the potential risks. We also explain how we attempt to inform those people who work with our children beyond the school environment (parents, friends and the wider community) to be aware and to assist in this process.

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,

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including secure school network design and use;

- Safe and secure broadband from Carmarthenshire County Council;
- National Education Network standards and specifications.

### **Policy and leadership**

The E-Safety Policy relates to other policies including those for ICT, Safeguarding, Anti-Bullying, Child Protection, Positive Behaviour and Discipline Policy, Preventing Radicalisation and Extremism, and Safer Recruitment.

In Ysgol Tycroes, there are key people responsible for developing our E-Safety Policy and keeping everyone safe with ICT. There are core responsibilities of all users of ICT in our school.

### ***The role of the E-Safety leaders***

Our E-Safety leaders are the people responsible to the head teacher and governors for the day to day issues relating to e-safety. The E-Safety leaders:

- Take day to day responsibility for e-safety issues and have a leading role in establishing and reviewing the school e-safety policies / documents;
- Work with the Pupil Voice groups to discuss issues relating to e-safety;
- Ensure that all staff are aware of the procedures that need to be followed in the event of an e-safety incident;
- Provide training and advice for staff;
- Liaise with the Local Authority;
- Receive reports of e-safety incidents and creates a log of incidents to inform future e-safety developments;
- Meet with the Head teacher to discuss current issues and review incident logs;
- Report to Governors when necessary;
- Report to Senior Leadership Team;
- Receive appropriate training and support to fulfil their role effectively.

It is also the role of the E-Safety leaders to inform the Headteacher/ICT leader:

- Where there is a concern that the school's ICT infrastructure and data are secure and not open to misuse or malicious attack;
- That users may only access the school's networks through a properly enforced password protection system;
- If there are shortcomings in the infrastructure.

### ***The role of Governors***

Governors are responsible for the approval of this policy and for reviewing its effectiveness. This will be carried out by the School Improvement governors' subcommittee receiving regular information about e-safety incidents and monitoring reports.

### ***The role of the head teacher***

- The head teacher is responsible for ensuring the safety (including e-safety) of all members of the school community, though the day to day responsibility for e-safety is delegated to the E-Safety Leaders;
- The head teacher and another member of the senior management team will be familiar with the procedures to be followed in the event of a serious e-safety allegation being made against a member of staff, including non-teaching staff. (see flow chart on dealing with e-safety incidents and other relevant Local Authority HR/disciplinary procedures)

### ***The role of classroom based staff***

Teaching and Support Staff are responsible for ensuring that:

- They safeguard the welfare of children and refer child protection concerns using the proper channels: **this duty is on the individual, not the organisation or the school;**
- They have an up to date awareness of e-safety matters and of the current school e-safety policy and practices;
- They have read, understood and signed the school's Acceptable Use Agreement for staff;
- They report any suspected misuse or problem to the E-Safety Leaders;
- They undertake any digital communications with pupils in a fully professional manner and only using official school systems;
- They embed e-safety issues in the curriculum and other school activities, also acknowledging the planned e-safety programme.

### ***The role of the pupils***

- To report any E-Safety concerns to a member of staff;
- To use ICT in accordance with the Acceptable Use Agreement.

### ***The role of parents***

- To encourage their child/ren to use the internet or other forms of media communication in accordance with the Acceptable User Agreement;
- To monitor their child's use of social media/internet/gaming use so that any misuse can be identified;

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- To report any concerns about E-Safety to the school;
- To support the school's sanctions for misuse of ICT in school.

### **Policy Scope**

This policy applies to **all members of the school community** (including teaching staff, wider workforce, pupils, volunteers, parents / carers, visitors, community users) who have access to and are users of school ICT systems, **both in and out of school**.

The Education and Inspections Act 2006 empowers head teachers, to such extent as is reasonable, to regulate the behaviour of pupils when they are off the school site and empowers members of staff to impose disciplinary penalties for inappropriate behaviour. This is pertinent to incidents of cyber-bullying or other e-safety incidents covered by this policy, which may take place out of school, but are linked to membership of the school.

The school will deal with such incidents using guidance within this policy as well as associated behaviour and anti-bullying policies and will, where known, inform parents/ carers of incidents of inappropriate e-safety behaviour that take place out of school.

### **Acceptable Use Agreements**

All members of the school community are responsible for using the school ICT systems in accordance with the appropriate acceptable use agreement.

Acceptable Use Agreements are provided to:

- Pupils
- Staff (and volunteers)
- Parents / carers
- Community users of the school's ICT system

Acceptable Use Agreements are introduced at parents' induction meetings and signed by all children as they enter school (with parents possibly signing on behalf of children below Year 2).

All employees of the school and volunteers sign when they take up their role in school and in the future if significant changes are made to the policy.

Parents sign once when their child enters the school. The parents' policy also includes permission for use of their child's image (still or moving) by the school, permission for their child to use the school's ICT resources (including the internet) and permission to publish their work.

### Self Evaluation

Evaluation of e-safety is an ongoing process and links to other self evaluation tools used in school. The views and opinions of all stakeholders are taken into account as a part of this process.

### Illegal or inappropriate activities and related sanctions

The school believes that the activities listed below are inappropriate in a school context (**those in bold are illegal**) and that users should not engage in these activities when using school equipment or systems (**in or out of school**).

Users shall not visit Internet sites, make, post, download, upload, data transfer, communicate or pass on material, remarks, proposals or comments that contain or relate to:

- **Child sexual abuse images (illegal - The Protection of Children Act 1978);**
- **Grooming, incitement, arrangement or facilitation of sexual acts against children (illegal – Sexual Offences Act 2003);**
- **Possession of extreme pornographic images (illegal – Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008);**
- **Criminally racist material in UK – to stir up religious hatred (or hatred on the grounds of sexual orientation) (illegal – Public Order Act 1986);**
- Pornography;
- Promotion of any kind of discrimination;
- Promotion of racial or religious hatred **including extremism or radicalisation;**
- Threatening behaviour, including promotion of physical violence or mental harm;
- Any other information which may be offensive to colleagues or breaches the integrity of the ethos of the school or brings the school into disrepute.

*Additionally the following activities are also considered unacceptable on ICT equipment or infrastructure provided by the school:*

- Using school systems to undertake transactions pertaining to a private business;
- Use systems, applications, websites or other mechanisms that bypass the filtering or other safeguards employed by Carmarthenshire County Council Broadband and/or the school;
- Uploading, downloading or transmitting commercial software or any copyrighted materials belonging to third parties, without the necessary licensing permissions;
- Revealing or publicising confidential or proprietary information (e.g. financial/personal information, databases, computer / network access codes and passwords);

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- Creating or propagating computer viruses or other harmful files;
- Carrying out sustained or instantaneous high volume network traffic (downloading / uploading files that causes network congestion and hinders others in their use of the internet);
- On-line gambling and non educational gaming;
- On-line shopping / commerce (unless specifically for school related resources);
- Use of social networking sites (other than in the school's learning platform or sites otherwise permitted by the school).

If members of staff suspect that misuse might have taken place – whether or not it is evidently illegal (see above), it is essential that correct procedures are used to investigate, preserve evidence and protect those carrying out the investigation.

It is more likely that we as a school will need to deal with incidents that involve inappropriate rather than illegal misuse. It is important that any incidents are dealt with as soon as possible in a proportionate manner, and that members of the school community are aware that incidents have been dealt with. It is intended that incidents of misuse will be dealt with through normal behaviour/disciplinary procedures as indicated on the following pages:

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	Refer to:					Info rm:	Action:		
	Class teacher	E-safety Leader	Refer to head teacher	Refer to Police	Refer to e-safety Leader for action re filtering / security etc		Parents / carers	Remove of network / internet access rights	Warning
<p><b>Pupil sanctions</b></p> <p><i>The indication of possible sanctions in this table should not be regarded as absolute. They should be applied according to the context of any incident and in the light of consequences resulting from the offence.</i></p>									
<b>Deliberately accessing or trying to access material that could be considered illegal (see list in earlier section on unsuitable / inappropriate activities).</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Unauthorised use of non-educational sites during lessons	✓				✓				
Unauthorised use of mobile phone / digital camera / other handheld device	✓					✓	✓		
Unauthorised use of social networking / instant messaging / personal email	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	
Unauthorised downloading or uploading of files	✓						✓	✓	
Allowing others to access school network by sharing username and passwords	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	
Attempting to access the school network, using another pupil's account	✓				✓		✓		
Attempting to access or accessing the school network, using the account of a member of staff	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	
Corrupting or destroying the data of other users	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Sending an email, text or instant message that is regarded as offensive, harassment or of a bullying nature	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Continued infringements of the above, following previous warnings or sanctions	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
Actions which could bring the school into disrepute or breach the integrity of the ethos of the school	✓		✓					✓	
Using proxy sites or other means to subvert the school's filtering system	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Accidentally accessing offensive or pornographic material and failing to report the incident	✓	✓			✓	✓			
Deliberately accessing or trying to access offensive or pornographic material	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
Receipt or transmission of material that infringes the copyright of another person or infringes the Data Protection Act	✓		✓		✓		✓		

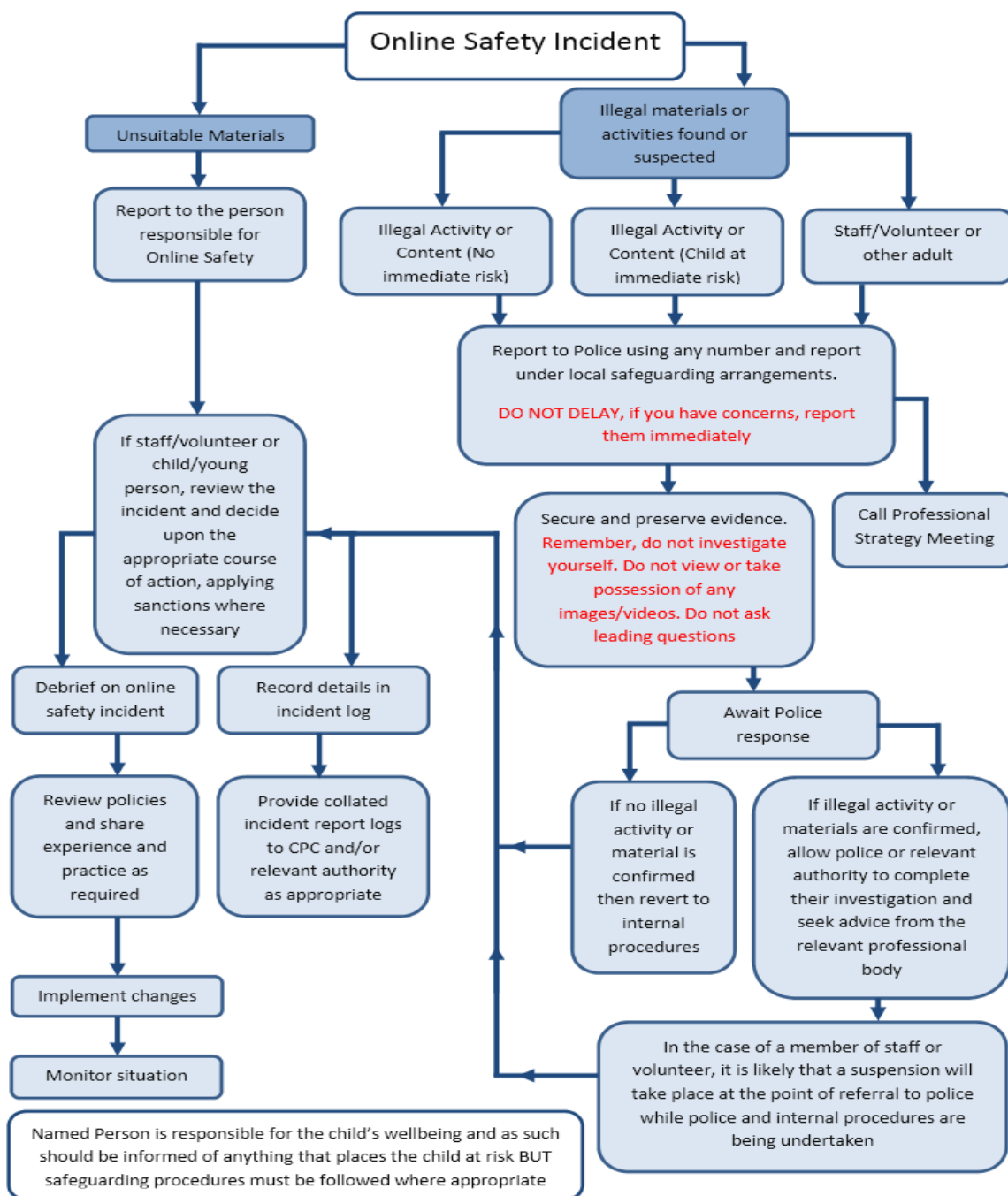


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	Refer to:					Action:		
	ICT Co-ordinator	Head teacher	Local Authority / HR	Police	Technical Support Staff for action re: filtering etc	Warning	Suspension	Disciplinary action
<p><b>Staff sanctions</b></p> <p><i>The indication of possible sanctions in this table should not be regarded as absolute. They should be applied according to the context of any incident and in the light of consequences resulting from the offence.</i></p>								
<b>Deliberately accessing or trying to access material that could be considered illegal (see list in earlier section on unsuitable / inappropriate activities).</b>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Excessive or inappropriate personal use of the internet / social networking sites / instant messaging / personal email	✓	✓				✓		
Unauthorised downloading or uploading of files	✓				✓	✓		
Allowing others to access school network by sharing username and passwords or attempting to access or accessing the school network, using another person's account	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
Careless use of personal data e.g. holding or transferring data in an insecure manner	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
Deliberate actions to breach data protection or network security rules	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Corrupting or destroying the data of other users or causing deliberate damage to hardware or software		✓	✓				✓	✓
Sending an email, text or instant message that is regarded as offensive, harassment or of a bullying nature	✓	✓				✓	✓	
Using personal email / social networking / instant messaging / text messaging to carrying out digital communications with students / pupils	✓	✓			✓			
Actions which could compromise the staff member's professional standing	✓	✓						
Actions which could bring the school into disrepute or breach the integrity of the ethos of the school	✓	✓				✓		
Using proxy sites or other means to subvert the school's filtering system	✓				✓	✓		✓
Accidentally accessing offensive or pornographic material and failing to report the incident	✓	✓			✓	✓		
Deliberately accessing or trying to access offensive or pornographic material	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Breaching copyright or licensing regulations	✓					✓		
Continued infringements of the above, following previous warnings or sanctions	✓	✓			✓			✓

## Reporting of e-safety breaches

It is hoped that all members of the school community will be responsible users of ICT, who understand and follow this policy. However, there may be times when infringements of the policy could take place, through careless or irresponsible or, very rarely, through deliberate misuse. Particular care should be taken if any apparent or actual misuse appears to involve illegal activity. Listed below are the responses that will be made to any apparent or actual incidents of misuse:



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### Use of hand held technology (personal phones and hand held devices)

We recognise that the area of mobile technology is rapidly advancing and it is our school's policy to review its stance on such technology on a regular basis. Currently our policy is this:

- Members of staff are permitted to bring their personal mobile devices into school. They are required to use their own professional judgement as to when it is appropriate to use them. Broadly speaking this is:
  - ✓ Calls from mobile phones will only be taken or made during lesson time in an emergency or extreme circumstances, and following permission from the Headteacher;
  - ✓ Members of staff are free to use these devices outside teaching time;
  - ✓ Mobile phones may be used for school purposes (eg. posting school activities to Twitter, taking photos for newsletters/Twitter/website etc). All photos must be deleted from the device following publication to Twitter or following the transfer to a school machine.
- Pupils are not currently permitted to bring their personal hand held devices into school.
- A number of such devices are available in school (e.g. ipads, ipods) and are used by children as considered appropriate by members of staff.

Personal hand held technology	Staff / adults				Pupils			
	Allowed	Allowed at certain times	Allowed for selected staff	Not allowed	Allowed	Allowed at certain times	Allowed with selected staff	Not allowed
Mobile phones may be brought to school	✓							✓
Use of mobile phones in lessons		✓						✓
Use of mobile phones in social time	✓							✓
Taking photos on personal phones or other camera devices			✓					✓
Use of hand held devices e.g. PDAs, gaming consoles				✓		✓		

### Use of communication technologies

#### Email

Access to email is provided for all users in school via the Carmarthenshire Schools' Portal and/or Hwb. These official school email services may be regarded as safe and secure and are monitored.

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- Staff and pupils should use only the school email services to communicate with others when in school, or on school systems (e.g. by remote access)
- Users need to be aware that email communications may be monitored
- Pupils normally use only a class email account to communicate with people outside school and with the permission / guidance of their class teacher
- A structured education program is delivered to pupils which helps them to be aware of the dangers of and good practices associated with the use of email (see section C of this policy)
- Staff may only access personal email accounts on school systems regarding work related issues
- Users must immediately report to their class teacher / e-safety leader the receipt of any email that makes them feel uncomfortable, are offensive, threatening or bullying in nature and they must not respond to any such email.

	Staff / adults				Pupils			
	Allowed	Allowed at certain times	Allowed for selected staff	Not allowed	Allowed	Allowed at certain times	Allowed with staff	Not allowed
<b>Use of Email</b>								
Use of personal email accounts in school / on school network		✗						✗
Use of school email for personal emails		✗						✗

### ***Social networking (including chat, instant messaging, blogging etc)***

	Staff / adults				Pupils			
	Allowed	Allowed at certain times	Allowed for selected staff	Not allowed	Allowed	Allowed at certain times	Allowed with staff	Not allowed
<b>Use of social networking tools</b>								
Use of non educational chat rooms etc				✗				✗
Use of non educational instant messaging				✗				✗
Use of non educational social networking sites (Twitter/ClassList)		✗						✗
Use of non educational blogs				✗				✗

### ***Videoconferencing***

Desktop video conferencing and messaging systems linked to CCC Broadband via MS Communicator is the preferred communication option in order to secure a quality of service that meets school curriculum standards.

Videoconferencing equipment in classrooms must be switched off when not in use and not set to auto answer.

External IP addresses should not be made available to other sites.

Only web based conferencing products that are authorised by the school (and are not blocked by internet filtering) are permitted for classroom use.

Videoconferencing is normally supervised directly by a teacher. In the event of this not being the case pupils must ask permission from the class teacher before making or answering a videoconference call.

Permission for children to take part in video conferences is sought from parents / carers and only where permission is granted may children participate.

Only key administrators have access to videoconferencing administration areas.

Unique log on and password details for the educational videoconferencing services are only issued to members of staff.

### ***Use of digital and video images***

- When using digital images, staff should inform and educate pupils about the risks associated with the taking, use, sharing, publication and distribution of images. In particular they should recognise the risks attached to publishing their own images on the internet e.g. on social networking sites.
- Members of staff are allowed to take digital still and video images to support educational aims, but must follow school policies concerning the sharing, distribution and publication of those images. ***In some circumstances, staff may use personal devices to take photos/video but this must be uploaded to a school machine/Hwb sharepoint immediately and deleted from the personal device.***
- Care should be taken when taking digital / video images that pupils are appropriately dressed and are not participating in activities that might bring the individuals or the school into disrepute.
- Pupils must not take, use, share, publish or distribute images of others without their permission.
- No images should be used outside of school without consent from the parent/carer.

### **Use of web-based publication tools**

#### ***Website (and other public facing communications)***

Our school uses the public facing website only for sharing information with the community beyond our school. This includes, from time-to-time, celebrating work and achievements of children. All users are required to consider good practice when publishing content.

- Personal information will not be posted on the school website and only official email addresses will be used to identify members of staff (never pupils).
- Only pupil's first names will be used on the website, and only then when necessary.
- Photographs published on the website, or elsewhere that include pupils will be selected carefully and will comply with the following good practice guidance on the use of such images:
  - ✓ Pupils' full names will not be used anywhere on a website or blog, and never in association with photographs
  - ✓ Staff to be aware of positioning when taking photographs
- Written permission from parents or carers will be obtained before photographs of pupils are published on the school website

#### ***Learning Platform***

Class teachers monitor the use of the learning platform by pupils regularly during all supervised sessions, but with particular regard to messaging and communication.

Staff use is monitored by the super-user/administrator.

User accounts and access rights can only be created by the school administrator.

Pupils are advised on acceptable conduct and use when using the learning platform.

Only members of the current pupil, parent/carers and staff community will have access to the learning platform.

When staff, pupils, etc leave the school their account or rights to specific school areas will be disabled (or transferred to their new establishment if possible / appropriate).

Any concerns with content may be recorded and dealt with in the following ways:

- a) The user will be asked to remove any material deemed to be inappropriate or offensive.
- b) The material will be removed by the site administrator if the user does not comply.
- c) Access to the learning platform may be suspended for the user.
- d) The user will need to discuss the issues with a member of SLT before reinstatement.
- e) A pupil's parent/carer may be informed.

A visitor may be invited onto the learning platform by the administrator following a request from a member of staff. In this instance there may be an agreed focus or a limited time slot/access.

### **Professional standards for staff communication**

In all aspects of their work in our school, teachers abide by the broad **Professional Standards for Teachers**.

Teachers translate these standards appropriately for all matters relating to e-safety.

Any digital communication between staff and pupils or parents/carers (email, chat, learning platform etc) must be professional in tone and content.

- These communications may only take place on official (monitored) school systems.
- Personal email addresses, text messaging or public chat / social networking technology must not be used for these communications, unless in extreme circumstances and authorised by the Headteacher (eg. The need to contact a parent whilst on a school trip)

Staff constantly monitor and evaluate developing technologies, balancing risks and benefits, and consider how appropriate these are for learning and teaching. These evaluations help inform policy and develop practice.

### **Infrastructure**

#### ***Password security***

The school's e-safety curriculum will include frequent discussion of issues relating to password security and staying safe in and out of school.

### **Filtering**

#### ***Introduction***

The filtering of internet content provides an important means of preventing users from accessing material that is illegal or is inappropriate in an educational context. The filtering system cannot, however, provide a 100% guarantee that it will do so and any breaches must be reported to the Headteacher and/or relevant person within the Local Authority.

As a school buying broadband services from Carmarthenshire County Council, we automatically receive the benefits of a managed filtering service, with some flexibility for changes at local level.

#### ***Responsibilities***

The day-to-day responsibility for the management of the school's filtering policy is held by the **E-Safety Leader** (with ultimate responsibility resting with the **Headteacher and Governors**). They manage the school filtering in line with this policy and keep logs of changes to and breaches of the filtering system.

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To ensure that there is a system of checks and balances and to protect those responsible, changes to the standard Carmarthenshire school filtering service must

- Be logged by CCC
- Be reported to a second responsible person (the head teacher)
- Be reported to, and authorised by, a second responsible person prior to changes being made (this will normally be the class teacher who originally made the request for the change).

**All users** have a responsibility to report immediately to class teachers /E-Safety Leader any infringements of the school's filtering policy of which they become aware or any sites that are accessed, which they believe should have been filtered.

**Users** must not attempt to use any programmes or software that might allow them to bypass the filtering / security systems in place to prevent access to such materials.

### ***Education / training / awareness***

**Pupils** are made aware of the importance of filtering systems through the school's e-safety education programme.

**Staff** users will be made aware of the filtering systems through:

The Acceptable Use Agreement

- Briefings in staff meetings, training days, memos etc. (timely and ongoing).

**Parents** will be informed of the school's filtering policy through the Acceptable Use Agreement and through e-safety awareness sessions / newsletter etc.

### ***Changes to the filtering system***

Where a member of staff requires access to a website that is blocked for use at school, the process to unblock is as follows:

- The teacher makes the request to the school E-Safety Leader
- The E-Safety Leader checks the website content to ensure that it is appropriate for use in school

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- If agreement is reached, the E-Safety Leader makes a request to the Broadband Team
- The Broadband helpdesk will endeavour to unblock the site within 24 hours. This process can still take a number of hours so teaching staff are required to check websites in advance of teaching sessions.
- School Improvement Service Learning Technologies staff may then be notified of websites that have been unblocked to review them in partnership with the Broadband Team. If sites are found to not be appropriate, access will be discussed with the school and then removed.

The E-Safety Leader will need to apply a rigorous policy for approving / rejecting filtering requests.



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- The site promotes equal and just representations of racial, gender, and religious issues.
- The site does not contain inappropriate content such as pornography, abuse, racial hatred and terrorism.
- The site does not link to other sites which may be harmful / unsuitable for pupils.

### **Monitoring**

No filtering system can guarantee 100% protection against access to unsuitable sites. The school will therefore monitor the activities of users on the school network and on school equipment as indicated in the. Monitoring takes place as follows:

- Potential issues are referred to an appropriate person depending on the nature of the capture.
- Teachers are encouraged to identify in advance any word or phrase likely to be picked up regularly through innocent use (e.g. 'goddess' is captured frequently when a class is researching or creating presentations on the Egyptians) so that the word can be allowed for the period of the topic being taught.

### **Audit / reporting**

Filter change-control logs and incident logs are made available to:

- The Governing Body on request
- The Carmarthenshire Safeguarding Children Board on request

This filtering policy will be reviewed, with respect to the suitability of the current provision, in response to evidence provided by the audit logs.

### **Personal data security (and transfer)**

Please refer to the Data Privacy Notice, Handling Personal Data Policy and/or the Breach Reporting and Response Policy.

### **Education**

#### ***E-safety education***

Whilst regulation and technical solutions are very important, their use must be balanced by educating pupils to take a responsible approach. The education of pupils in e-safety is therefore an essential part of the school's e-safety provision. Children and young people need the help and support of the school to recognise and avoid e-safety risks and build their resilience. This is particularly important for helping children to stay safe out of school where technical support and filtering may not be available to them.

E-Safety education will be provided in the following ways:

- A planned e-safety programme is provided as part of ICT, PHSE and other lessons. This is regularly revisited, covering the use of ICT and new technologies both in school and outside school
- Key e-safety messages will be reinforced through further input via assemblies and pastoral activities, as well as informal conversations when the opportunity arises.

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- Pupils will be helped to understand the need for the pupil Acceptable Use Agreement and encouraged to adopt safe and responsible use of ICT both within and outside school
- In lessons where internet use is pre-planned, it is best practice that pupils should be guided to sites checked as suitable for their use and that processes are in place for dealing with any unsuitable material that is found in internet searches.
- Where pupils are allowed to freely search the internet, staff should be vigilant in monitoring the content of the websites the young people visit, encouraging children to discuss anything of which they are unsure and implementing the expected sanctions and/or support as necessary.
- Pupils will be made aware of what to do should they experience anything, while on the Internet, which makes them feel uncomfortable.

### ***Information literacy***

- Pupils should be taught in all lessons to be critically aware of the content they access on-line and be guided to validate the accuracy of information by employing techniques such as:
  - ✓ Checking the likely validity of the URL (web address)
  - ✓ Cross checking references (Can they find the same information on other sites?)
  - ✓ Checking the pedigree of the compilers / owners of the website
  - ✓ Referring to other (including non-digital) sources
- Pupils will be taught to acknowledge the source of information used and to respect copyright when using material accessed on the internet.
- Pupils are taught how to make best use of internet search engines to arrive at the information they require

### ***The contribution of the children to e-learning strategy***

It is our general school policy to encourage children to play a leading role in shaping the way our school operates and this is very much the case with our e-learning strategy. Children often use technology out of school in ways that we do not in school and members of staff are always keen to hear of children's experiences and how they feel the technology (especially rapidly developing technology such as mobile devices) could be helpful in their learning.

### **Staff training**

It is essential that all staff – including non-teaching staff - receive e-safety training and understand their responsibilities, as outlined in this policy. Training will be offered as follows:

- A planned programme of formal e-safety training will be made available to staff. An audit of the e-safety training needs of all staff will be carried out regularly.

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- It is expected that some staff will identify e-safety as a training need within the performance management process.
- All new staff should be offered e-safety training as part of their induction programme, ensuring that they fully understand the school e-safety policy and acceptable use policies which are signed as part of their induction
- The E-Safety Leader will be CEOP trained where possible.
- The E-Safety Leader will receive regular updates through attendance at local authority or other training sessions and by reviewing guidance documents released by the DfE, the local authority, the CSCB and others.
- All teaching staff will be involved in the development of this e-safety policy and will be made aware of its content
- The E-Safety Leaders will provide advice, guidance and training as required to individuals as required on an ongoing basis.

### **Governor training**

Governors should take part in e-safety training / awareness sessions, wherever possible. This may be offered in a number of ways:

- Attendance at training provided by the Local Authority
- Participation in school training / information sessions for staff or parents

### **Parent and carer awareness raising**

Many parents and carers have only a limited understanding of e-safety risks and issues, yet they play an essential role in the education of their children and in the monitoring and regulation of the children's on-line experiences. Parents often either underestimate or do not realise how often children and young people come across potentially harmful and inappropriate material on the internet and are often unsure about what they would do about it.

The school will therefore seek to provide information and awareness to parents and carers through:

- Letters, newsletters, learning platform
- Parents evenings

### **Wider school community understanding**

The school will offer family learning courses in ICT, media literacy and e-safety where possible so that parents and children can together gain a better understanding of these issues. Messages to the public around e-safety should also be targeted towards grandparents and other. Everyone has a role to play in empowering children to stay safe while they enjoy these new technologies, just as it is everyone's responsibility to keep children safe in the non-digital world

## YSGOL TYCROES E-SAFETY POLICY

### **POLICY REVIEW**

This policy will be monitored regularly and will be formally reviewed in January 2022, or earlier if required.

<b>Headteacher:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Chair of Governing Body:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	