



Park View School
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E-safety Policy

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Statement of intent

At Park View School we understand that computer technology is an essential resource for supporting teaching and learning. The internet, and other digital and information technologies, open up opportunities for pupils and play an important role in their everyday lives.

Whilst Park View School recognises the importance of promoting the use of computer technology throughout the curriculum, we also recognise the need for safe internet access and appropriate use.

Park View School has created this policy with the aim of ensuring appropriate and safe use of the internet and other digital technology devices by all pupils and staff.

Park View School is committed to providing a safe learning and teaching environment for all pupils and staff, and has implemented important controls to prevent any harmful risks.

This policy will operate in conjunction with other important policies in Park View School, including our Anti-Bullying Policy, Data Protection Policy, Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, Allegations against Staff Policy and CSE Policy.

Signed by:

_____ Head Teacher Date: _____

_____ Chair of governors Date: _____

1. Legal Framework

- 1.1. This policy has due regard to the following legislation, including, but not limited to:
- The Human Rights Act 1998
 - The Data Protection Act 1998
 - The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006
 - The Education and Inspection Act 2006
 - The Computer Misuse Act 1990, amended by the Police and Justice Act 2006.

2. Use of the Internet

- 2.1. Park View School understands that using the internet is important when raising educational standards, promoting pupil achievement and enhancing teaching and learning.
- 2.2. Internet use is embedded in the statutory curriculum and is therefore entitled to all pupils, though there are a number of controls required for schools to implement, which minimise harmful risks.
- 2.3. When accessing the internet, individuals are especially vulnerable to a number of risks which may be physically and emotionally harmful. These risks include:
- Access to illegal, harmful or inappropriate images
 - Cyber bullying
 - Access to, or loss of, personal information
 - Access to unsuitable online videos or games
 - Loss of personal images
 - Inappropriate communication with others
 - Illegal downloading of files
 - Plagiarism and copyright infringement
 - Sharing the personal information of others without the individual's consent or knowledge.

3. Roles and Responsibilities

- 3.1. It is the responsibility of all staff to be alert to possible harm to pupils or staff, due to inappropriate internet access or use both inside and outside of Park View School, and to deal with incidents of such as a priority.
- 3.2. The e-safety officer, David Borrell, is responsible for ensuring the day-to-day e-safety in Park View School, and managing any issues.
- 3.3. The Head Teacher is responsible for ensuring that the e-safety officer and any other relevant staff receive continuous professional development to allow them to fulfil their role and train other members of staff.
- 3.4. The e-safety officer will provide all relevant training and advice for members of staff on e-safety.
- 3.5. The Head Teacher will ensure there is a system in place which monitors and supports the e-safety officer, whose role is to carry out the monitoring of e-safety in the school.

- 3.6. The e-safety officer will regularly monitor the provision of e-safety in the school and return this to the Head Teacher.
- 3.7. Park View School will establish a procedure for reporting incidents and inappropriate internet use, either by pupils or staff.
- 3.8. Cyber bullying incidents will be reported in accordance with Park View School's Anti-Bullying Policy.
- 3.9. The e-safety officer will ensure that all members of staff are aware of the procedure when reporting e-safety incidents, and will keep a log of all incidents recorded.
- 3.10. The Governing body will hold regular meetings with the e-safety officer to discuss the effectiveness of the e-safety provision, current issues, and to review incident logs.
- 3.11. The Governing body will evaluate and review this E-safety Policy on a termly basis.
- 3.12. The Head Teacher will review and amend this policy with the e-safety officer, taking into account new legislation and government guidance, and previously reported incidents to improve procedures.
- 3.13. Teachers are responsible for ensuring that e-safety issues are embedded in the curriculum and safe internet access is promoted at all times.
- 3.14. All staff are responsible for ensuring they are up-to-date with current e-safety issues, and this E-safety Policy.
- 3.15. All staff and pupils will ensure they understand and adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy, which they must sign and return to the Head Teacher.
- 3.16. Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring their child understands how to use computer technology and other digital devices, appropriately.
- 3.17. The Head Teacher is responsible for communicating with parents regularly and updating them on current e-safety issues and control measures.

4. E-safety Control Measures

4.1. Educating pupils:

- An e-safety programme will be established and taught across the curriculum on a regular basis, ensuring pupils are aware of the safe use of new technology both inside and outside of Park View School.
- Pupils will be taught about the importance of e-safety and are encouraged to be critically aware of the content they access online.
- Pupils will be taught to acknowledge information they access online, in order to avoid copyright infringement and/or plagiarism.
- Clear guidance on the rules of internet use will be presented in all classrooms.
- Pupils are instructed to report any suspicious use of the internet and digital devices.

4.2. Educating staff:

- All staff will undergo e-safety training on a termly basis to ensure they are aware of current e-safety issues and any changes to the provision of e-safety.
- All staff will undergo regular audits by the e-safety officer in order to identify areas of training need.
- All staff will employ methods of good practice and act as role models for pupils when using the internet and other digital devices.
- Any new staff are required to undergo e-safety training as part of their induction programme, ensuring they fully understand the E-safety Policy.

4.3. Internet access:

- Internet access will be authorised once parents and pupils have returned the signed consent form as part of the Acceptable Use Policy.
 - A record will be kept by the Head Teacher of all pupils who have been granted internet access.
 - All users in Year 7 and above will be provided with usernames and passwords, and are advised to keep this confidential to avoid any other pupils using their login details.
 - Pupils' passwords will be changed on a regular basis, and their activity is continuously monitored by the e-safety officer.
 - Management systems will be in place to allow teachers and members of staff to control workstations and monitor pupils' activity.
 - Effective filtering systems will be established to eradicate any potential risks to pupils through access to particular websites.
 - Any requests by staff for websites to be added or removed from the filtering list must be first authorised by the Head Teacher.
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- All school systems will be protected by up-to-date virus software.
 - An agreed procedure will be in place for the provision of temporary users, e.g. volunteers.
 - The master users' passwords will be available to the Head Teacher for regular monitoring of activity.

4.4. Email:

- Pupils and staff will be given approved email accounts and are only able to use these accounts.
- Use of personal email to send and receive personal data or information is prohibited.
- No sensitive personal data shall be sent to any other pupils, staff or third parties via email.
- Any emails sent by pupils to external organisations will be overseen by their class teacher and must be authorised before sending.
- Chain letters, spam and all other emails from unknown sources will be deleted without opening.

4.5. Social networking:

- Access to social networking sites will be filtered as appropriate (sites such as Facebook, Instagram and TikTok)

- Should access be needed to social networking sites for any reason, this will be monitored and controlled by staff at all times and must be first authorised by the Head Teacher.
- Pupils are regularly educated on the implications of posting personal data online, outside of Park View School.
- Staff are regularly educated on posting inappropriate photos or information online, which may potentially affect their position and Park View School as a whole.
- Staff are not permitted to communicate with parents, carers or pupils via social networking sites.
- Staff should not comment on school social media feeds via their personal accounts.

4.6. Published content on the Park View School website and images:

- The Head Teacher will be responsible for the overall content of the website, and will ensure the content is appropriate and accurate.
- All contact details on the Park View School website will be the phone, email and address of Park View School. No personal details of staff or pupils will be published.
- Images and full names of pupils, or any content that may easily identify a pupil, will be selected carefully, and will not be posted until authorisation from parents has been received.
- Pupils are not permitted to take or publish photos of others without permission from the individual.
- Staff are able to take images, though they must do so in accordance with Park View School policies in terms of the sharing and distribution of such. Staff will not take images using their personal equipment.

4.7. Mobile devices:

- The Head Teacher may authorise the use of mobile devices by a pupil where it is seen to be for safety or precautionary use.
- Mobile devices are not permitted to be used in the classroom by pupils or members of staff.
- The sending of inappropriate messages or images from mobile devices is prohibited.
- Mobile devices must not be used to take images of pupils or staff.
- Park View School will be especially alert to instances of cyber bullying and will treat such instances as a matter of high priority.

5. Cyber Bullying

- 5.1. For the purpose of this policy, “cyber bullying” is a form of bullying whereby an individual is the victim of harmful or offensive posting of information or images, online.
- 5.2. Park View School recognises that both staff and pupils may experience cyber bullying and will commit to preventing any instances that should occur.
- 5.3. Park View School will regularly educate staff, pupils and parents on the importance of staying safe online, as well as being considerate to what they post online.

- 5.4. Park View School will commit to creating a learning and teaching environment which is free from harassment and bullying, ensuring the happiness of all members of staff and pupils.
- 5.5. Park View School has zero tolerance for cyber bullying, and any incidents will be treated with the upmost seriousness and will be dealt with in accordance with our Anti-Bullying Policy.
- 5.6. The Head Teacher will decide whether it is appropriate to notify the police or anti-social behaviour coordinator in their LA of the action taken against a pupil.

6. Reporting Misuse

6.1. Misuse by pupils:

- Teachers have the power to discipline pupils who engage in misbehaviour with regards to internet use.
- Any instances of misuse should be immediately reported to a member of staff, who will then report this to the Head Teacher, using a complaints form.
- Any pupil who does not adhere to the rules outlined in our Acceptable Use Policy and is found to be wilfully misusing the internet, will have a letter sent to their parents/carers explaining the reason for suspending their internet use.
- Members of staff may decide to issue other forms of disciplinary action to a pupil upon the misuse of the internet. This will be discussed with the Head Teacher and will be issued once the pupil is on Park View School premises.
- Complaints of a child protection nature shall be dealt with in accordance with our Child Protection Policy.

6.2. Misuse by staff:

- Any misuse of the internet by a member of staff should be immediately reported to the Head Teacher, using a complaints form.
- The Head Teacher will deal with such incidents in accordance with the Allegations against Staff Policy, and may decide to take disciplinary action against the member of staff.
- The Head Teacher will decide whether it is appropriate to notify the police or anti-social behaviour coordinator in their LA of the action taken against a member of staff.