



Online Safety Policy 2017

Ore Village Primary Academy believes that online safety (e-Safety) is an essential element of safeguarding children and adults in the digital world, when using technology such as computers, tablets, mobile phones or games consoles. The internet and information communication technologies are an important part of everyday life, so children must be supported to be able to learn how to develop strategies to manage and respond to risk and be empowered to build resilience online.

Ore Village Primary Academy has a duty to provide the school community with quality Internet access to raise education standards, promote pupil achievement, support professional work of staff and enhance the school's management functions but we also recognise that there is a clear duty to ensure that children are protected from potential harm online.

The purpose of Ore Village Primary Academy's online safety policy is to:

- Clearly identify the key principles expected of all members of the community with regards to the safe and responsible use technology to ensure that Ore Village Primary Academy is a safe and secure environment.
- Safeguard and protect all members of Ore Village Primary Academy community online.
- Raise awareness with all members of Ore Village Primary Academy community regarding the potential risks as well as benefits of technology.
- To enable all staff to work safely and responsibly, to role model positive behaviour online and be aware of the need to manage their own standards and practice when using technology.
- Identify clear procedures to use when responding to online safety concerns that are known by all members of the community.

This policy applies to all staff including the governing body, teachers, support staff, external contractors, visitors, volunteers and other individuals who work for or provide services on behalf of the school (collectively referred to as 'staff' in this policy) as well as children and parents/carers.

This policy applies to all access to the internet and use of information communication devices including personal devices or where children, staff or other individuals have been provided with school issued devices for use off-site, such as a work laptops, tablets or mobile phones. It must be read in conjunction with other relevant school policies including (but not limited to) safeguarding and child protection, anti-bullying, behaviour, data security, image use, Acceptable Use Policies, confidentiality, screening, searching and confiscation and relevant curriculum policies including computing, Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE), Citizenship and Sex and Relationships Education (SRE).

The school has appointed the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mike Taylor, as an appropriate member of the leadership team and the online safety lead. The school has appointed Wendy Morgan as the member of the Governing Body to take lead responsibility for online safety (e-Safety). The online safety (e-Safety) Policy and its implementation will be reviewed by the school/setting at least annually or sooner if required.

Policy approved by Head Teachers: DVallier and JMaclaine

Date: December 2017

Policy approved by Governing Body:DBrown (Chair of Governors) Date: December 2017

The date for the next policy review is December 2018

The key responsibilities of the school and leadership team are:

- Developing, owning and promoting the online safety vision and culture to all stakeholders, in line with national and local recommendations with appropriate support and consultation throughout the school community.
- Ensuring that online safety is viewed by the whole community as a safeguarding issue and proactively developing a robust online safety culture.
- Supporting the DSL by ensuring they have sufficient time and resources to fulfil their online safety role and responsibilities.
- Auditing and evaluating current online safety practice to identify strengths and areas for improvement.
- Ensuring there are appropriate and up-to-date policies and procedures regarding online safety including an Acceptable Use Policy which covers appropriate professional conduct and use of technology.
- To ensure that suitable and appropriate filtering and monitoring systems are in place to protect children from inappropriate content which meet the needs of the school community whilst ensuring children have access to required educational material.
- To work with and support technical staff in monitoring the safety and security of school/setting systems and networks and to ensure that the school/setting network system is actively monitored.
- Ensuring all members of staff receive regular, up-to-date and appropriate training regarding online safety roles and responsibilities and provide guidance regarding safe appropriate communications.
- Ensuring that online safety is embedded within a progressive whole school curriculum which enables all pupils to develop an age-appropriate understanding of online safety and the associated risks and safe behaviours.
- Making appropriate resources available to support the development of an online safety culture.
- Taking responsibility for online safety incidents and liaising with external agencies and support as appropriate.
- Receiving and regularly reviewing online safety incident logs and using them to inform and shape future practice.
- Ensuring there are robust reporting channels for the school community to access regarding online safety concerns, including internal, local and national support.
- Ensure that appropriate risk assessments are undertaken regarding the safe use of technology, including ensuring the safe and responsible use of devices.
- To ensure a member of the Governing Body is identified with a lead responsibility for supporting online safety.

The key responsibilities of the Designated Safeguarding Lead are:

- Acting as a named point of contact on all online safeguarding issues and liaising with other members of staff and other agencies as appropriate.
- Keeping up-to-date with current research, legislation and trends regarding online safety.
- Coordinating participation in local and national events to promote positive online behaviour, e.g. Safer Internet Day.
- Ensuring that online safety is promoted to parents and carers and the wider community through a variety of channels and approaches.
- Work with the school/setting lead for data protection and data security to ensure that practice is in line with current legislation.
- Maintaining a record of online safety concerns/incidents and actions taken as part of the school's safeguarding recording structures and mechanisms.
- Monitor the school's online safety incidents to identify gaps/trends and use this data to update the school's education response to reflect need
- To report to the school management team, Governing Body and other agencies as appropriate, on online safety concerns and local data/figures.
- Liaising with the local authority and other local and national bodies, as appropriate.
- Reviewing and updating online safety policies, Acceptable Use Policies (AUPs) and other related procedures on a regular basis (at least annually) with stakeholder input.

- Ensuring that online safety is integrated with other appropriate school policies and procedures.

The key responsibilities for all members of staff are:

Contributing to the development of online safety policies.

- Reading the school Acceptable Use Policies (AUPs) and adhering to them.
- Taking responsibility for the security of school/setting systems and data.
- Having an awareness of a range of online safety issues and how they relate to the children in their care.
- Modelling good practice when using new and emerging technologies
- Embedding online safety education in curriculum delivery wherever possible.
- Identifying individuals of concern and taking appropriate action by following school safeguarding policies and procedures.
- Knowing when and how to escalate online safety issues, internally and externally.
- Being able to signpost to appropriate support available for online safety issues, internally and externally.
- Maintaining a professional level of conduct in their personal use of technology, both on and off

Additional responsibilities for staff managing the technical environment

- Providing a safe and secure technical infrastructure which support safe online practices while ensuring that learning opportunities are still maximised.
- Taking responsibility for the implementation of safe security of systems and data in partnership with the leadership and management team.
- To ensure that suitable access controls and encryption is implemented to protect personal and sensitive information held on school-owned devices.
- Ensuring that the school's filtering policy is applied and updated on a regular basis and that responsibility for its implementation is shared with the DSL.
- Ensuring that the use of the school's network is regularly monitored and reporting any deliberate or accidental misuse to the DSL.
- Report any breaches or concerns to the DSL and leadership team and together ensure that they are recorded and appropriate action is taken as advised.
- Developing an understanding of the relevant legislation as it relates to the security and safety of the technical infrastructure.
- Report any breaches and liaising with the local authority (or other local or national bodies) as appropriate on technical infrastructure issues.
- Providing technical support and perspective to the DSL and leadership team, especially in the development and implementation of appropriate online safety policies and procedures.

The key responsibilities of children and young people are:

Contributing to the development of online safety policies.

- Reading the school's Acceptable Use Policies (AUPs) and adhering to them.
- Respecting the feelings and rights of others both on and offline.
- Seeking help from a trusted adult if things go wrong, and supporting others that may be experiencing online safety issues.

At a level that is appropriate to their individual age, ability and vulnerabilities:

- Taking responsibility for keeping themselves and others safe online.
- Taking responsibility for their own awareness and learning in relation to the opportunities and risks posed by new and emerging technologies.
- Assessing the personal risks of using any particular technology, and behaving safely and responsibly to limit those risks.

The key responsibilities of parents and carers are:

- Reading the school/setting Acceptable Use Policies, encouraging their children to adhere to them, and adhering to them themselves where appropriate.
- Discussing online safety issues with their children, supporting the school in their online safety approaches, and reinforcing appropriate safe online behaviours at home.

- Role modelling safe and appropriate uses of technology and social media.
- Identifying changes in behaviour that could indicate that their child is at risk of harm online.
- Seeking help and support from the school, or other appropriate agencies, if they or their child encounters online problems or concerns.

The website

The school will ensure that information posted on the school website meets the requirements as identified by the Department for Education. The contact details on the website will be the school/setting address, email and telephone number. Staff or pupils' personal information will not be published. The head teachers will take overall editorial responsibility for online content published by the school and will ensure that content published is accurate and appropriate. The school website will comply with the school's guidelines for publications including respect for intellectual property rights, privacy policies and copyright.

Publishing images and videos online

The school will ensure that all images and videos shared online are used in accordance with the school image use policy and will ensure that all use of images and videos take place in accordance other policies and procedures including data security, Acceptable Use Policies, Codes of Conduct, social media, use of personal devices and mobile phones etc. In line with the image policy, written permission from parents or carers will always be obtained before images/videos of pupils are electronically published.

Managing email

Pupils may only use school provided email accounts for educational purposes. All members of staff are provided with a specific school email address to use for any official communication. The use of personal email addresses by staff for any official school/setting business is not permitted. The forwarding of any chain messages/emails etc. is not permitted. Spam or junk mail will be blocked and reported to the email provider. Any electronic communication which contains any content which could be subject to data protection legislation (e.g. sensitive or personal information) will only be sent using secure and encrypted email. Members of the community must immediately tell a designated member of staff if they receive offensive communication and this will be recorded in the school safeguarding files/records.

Appropriate and safe classroom use of the internet (and associated devices)

Internet use is a key feature of educational access and all children will receive age and ability appropriate education to support and enable them to develop strategies to respond to concerns as part of an embedded whole school curriculum. Please access curriculum policies for further information.

The school's internet access will be designed to enhance and extend education. Access levels to the internet will be reviewed to reflect the curriculum requirements and the age and ability of pupils.

All members of staff are aware that they cannot rely on filtering alone to safeguard children and supervision, classroom management and education about safe and responsible use is essential. Supervision of pupils will be appropriate to their age and ability

- At Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 pupils' access to the Internet will be by adult demonstration with occasional directly supervised access to specific and approved online materials which supports the learning outcomes planned for the pupils' age and ability.
- At Key Stage 2 pupils will be supervised. Pupils will use age-appropriate search engines and online tools and online activities will be teacher-directed where necessary. Children will be directed to online material and resources which support the learning outcomes planned for the pupils' age and ability.

All school owned devices will be used in accordance with the school Acceptable Use Policy and with appropriate safety and security measure in place.

Members of staff will always evaluate websites, tools and apps fully before use in the classroom or recommending for use at home.

Pupils will be educated in the effective use of the Internet in research, including the skills of knowledge location, retrieval and evaluation.

The school will use age appropriate search tools as decided by the school following an informed risk assessment to identify which tool best suits the needs of our community.

The school will ensure that the use of Internet-derived materials by staff and pupils complies with copyright law and acknowledge the source of information.

Social Media Policy

Expectations regarding safe and responsible use of social media will apply to all members of Ore Village Primary Academy community and exist in order to safeguard both the school/setting and the wider community, on and offline. Examples of social media may include blogs, wikis, social networking, forums, bulletin boards, multiplayer online gaming, apps, video/photo sharing sites, chatrooms, instant messenger and many others.

All members of Ore Village Primary Academy community will be encouraged to engage in social media in a positive, safe and responsible manner at all times. Information about safe and responsible use of social media will be communicated clearly and regularly to all members of Ore Village Primary Academy community.

All members of Ore Village Primary Academy community are advised not to publish specific and detailed private thoughts, concerns, pictures or messages on any social media services, especially content that may be considered threatening, hurtful or defamatory to others.

The school/setting will control pupil and staff access to social media and social networking sites whilst on site and using school provided devices and systems

The use of social networking applications during school hours for personal use is not permitted, Inappropriate or excessive use of social media during school/work hours or whilst using school devices may result in disciplinary or legal action and/or removal of Internet facilities.

Any concerns regarding the online conduct of any member of Ore Village Primary Academy community on social media sites should be reported to the leadership team and will be managed in accordance with policies such as anti-bullying, allegations against staff, behaviour and safeguarding/child protection.

Any breaches of school policy may result in criminal, disciplinary or civil action being taken and this will depend upon the age of those involved and the circumstances of the wrong committed. Action taken will be in accordance with relevant policies, such as anti-bullying, behaviour, safeguarding and child protection including the allegations against staff section.

Official use of social media

Ore Village Primary Academy official social media channels are Twitter and Facebook:

Official use of social media sites by the school/setting will only take place with clear educational or community engagement objectives with specific intended outcomes e.g. increasing parental engagement. Official school/setting social media channels will be set up as distinct and dedicated social media site or account for educational or engagement purposes Official use of social media sites as communication tools will be risk assessed and formally approved by the headteacher/manager

Staff will use school/setting provided email addresses to register for and manage any official approved social media channels.

Members of staff running official social media channels will sign a specific Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) to ensure they are aware of the required behaviours and expectations of use and to ensure that sites are used safely, responsibly and in accordance with local and national guidance and legislation.

All communication on official social media platforms will be clear, transparent and open to scrutiny. Any online publication on official social media sites will comply with legal requirements including the Data Protection Act 1998, right to privacy conferred by the Human Rights Act 1998, or similar duty to protect private information and will not breach any common law duty of confidentiality, copyright etc.

Official social media use will be in line with existing policies including anti-bullying and child protection and safeguarding. Images or videos of children will only be shared on official social media sites/channels in accordance with the image use policy.

Information about safe and responsible use of social media channels will be communicated clearly and regularly to all members of the community. Official social media sites, blogs or wikis will be suitably protected (e.g. password protected) and where possible/appropriate, run and/or linked to from the school/setting website and take place with written approval from the Leadership Team.

Leadership staff must be aware of account information and relevant details for social media channels in case of emergency, such as staff absence.

Parents/Carers and pupils will be informed of any official social media use, along with expectations for safe use and action taken to safeguard the community.

Staff personal use of social media

Personal use of social networking, social media and personal publishing sites will be discussed with all members of staff as part of staff induction and will be revisited and communicated via regular staff training opportunities.

Safe and professional behaviour will be outlined for all members of staff (including volunteers) as part of the school/setting Acceptable Use Policy.

All members of staff are advised not to communicate with or add as 'friends' any current or past children/pupils or current or past pupils' family members via any personal social media sites, applications or profiles. Any pre-existing relationships or exceptions that may compromise this will be discussed with Designated Safeguarding Lead and/or the Headteachers. All communication between staff and members of the school community on school business will take place via official approved communication channels (*eg official school provided email address or phone numbers*). Staff will not use personal accounts or information to make contact with pupils or parents, nor should any contact be accepted, except in circumstance whereby prior approval has been given by the Headteacher/manager.

Any communication from pupils/parents received on personal social media accounts will be reported to the designated safeguarding lead.

Information staff members have access to as part of their employment, including photos and personal information about pupils and their family members, colleagues etc. will not be shared or discussed on personal social media sites. All members of staff are strongly advised to safeguard themselves and their privacy when using social media sites. This will include being aware of location sharing services, setting the privacy levels of their personal sites as strictly as they can, opting out of public listings on social networking sites, logging out of accounts after use and keeping passwords safe and confidential.

All members of staff are encouraged to carefully consider the information, including text and images, they share and post online and to ensure that their social media use is compatible with their professional role and is in accordance with school's policies (safeguarding and child protection, confidentiality, data protection etc.) and the wider professional and legal framework. Members of staff will be encouraged to manage and control the content they share and post online. Advice will be provided to staff via staff training and by sharing appropriate guidance and resources on a regular basis. Members of staff will notify the Leadership/Management Team immediately if they consider that any content shared or posted via any information and communications technology, including emails or social networking sites conflicts with their role in the school/setting.

Staff official use of social media

If members of staff are participating in online activity as part of their capacity as an employee of the school/setting, then they are requested to be professional at all times and that they are an ambassador for the school/setting. Staff using social media officially will disclose their official role/position but always make it clear that they do not necessarily speak on behalf of the school/setting.

Staff using social media officially will be responsible, credible, fair and honest at all times and consider how the information being published could be perceived or shared.

Staff using social media officially will always act within the legal frameworks they would adhere to within the workplace, including libel, defamation, confidentiality, copyright, data protection as well as equalities laws.

Staff must ensure that any image posted on any official social media channel have appropriate written parental consent.

Staff using social media officially will be accountable and must not disclose information, make commitments or engage in activities on behalf of the school/setting unless they are authorised to do so.

Staff using social media officially will inform their line manager, the Designated Safeguarding Lead and/or the head teacher/manager of any concerns such as criticism or inappropriate content posted online.

Staff will not engage with any direct or private messaging with children or parents/carers through social media and will communicate via official communication channels.

Staff using social media officially will sign the social media Acceptable Use Policy.

Pupils' use of social media

Safe and responsible use of social media sites will be outlined for children and their parents as part of the Acceptable Use Policy. Personal publishing on social media sites will be taught to pupils as part of an embedded and progressive education approach via age appropriate sites, which have been risk assessed and approved as suitable for educational purposes.

Pupils will be advised to consider the risks of sharing personal details of any kind on social media sites, which may identify them and/or their location. Examples would include real/full name, address, mobile or landline phone numbers, school attended, Instant messenger contact details, email addresses, full names of friends/family, specific interests and clubs etc.

Pupils will be advised not to meet any online friends without a parent/carer or other responsible adult's permission and only when they can be present. Pupils will be advised on appropriate security on social media sites and will be encouraged to use safe passwords, deny access to unknown individuals and be supported in learning how to block and report unwanted communications. Pupils will be encouraged to approve and invite known friends only on social networking sites and to deny access to others by making profiles private/protected.

Parents will be informed of any official social media use with pupils and written parental consent will be obtained, as required. Any official social media activity involving pupils will be moderated by the school where possible.

The school is aware that many popular social media sites state that they are not for children under the age of 13, therefore the school will not create accounts within school specifically for children under this age.

Any concerns regarding pupils' use of social networking, social media and personal publishing sites, both at home and at school, will be dealt with in accordance with existing school policies including anti-bullying and behaviour and will be raised with parents/carers, particularly when concerning any underage use of social media sites.

Use of Personal Devices and Mobile Phones

The widespread ownership of mobile phones and a range of other personal devices among children, young people and adults will require all members Ore Village Primary Academy community to take steps to ensure that mobile phones and personal devices are used responsibly.

The use of mobile phones and other personal devices by young people and adults will be decided by the school/setting and is covered in appropriate policies including the school Acceptable Use. Ore Village Primary Academy recognises that personal communication through mobile technologies is an accepted part of everyday life for children, staff and parents/carers but requires that such technologies need to be used safely and appropriately within schools.

Expectations for safe use of personal devices and mobile phones

All use of personal devices and mobile phones will take place in accordance with the law and other appropriate school policies. Electronic devices of all kinds that are brought in on site are the responsibility of the user at all times. The school/setting accepts no responsibility for the loss, theft or damage of such items. Nor will the school/setting accept responsibility for any adverse health effects caused by any such devices either potential or actual.

Mobile phones and personal devices are not permitted to be used in certain areas within the school such as toilets and when children are changing or at swimming pools.

The sending of abusive or inappropriate messages or content via mobile phones or personal devices is forbidden by any member of the community and any breaches will be dealt with as part of the discipline/behaviour policy.

Members of staff will be issued with a school/work phone number and email address where contact with pupils or parents/carers is required.

All members of Ore Village Primary Academy community will be advised to take steps to protect their mobile phones or devices from loss, theft or damage and will be advised to use passwords/pin numbers to ensure that unauthorised calls or actions cannot be made on their phones or devices if they are lost or stolen. Passwords and pin numbers should be kept confidential. Mobile phones and personal devices should not be shared.

Pupils' use of personal devices and mobile phones

Pupils will be educated regarding the safe and appropriate use of personal devices and mobile phones. All use of mobile phones and personal devices by children will take place in accordance with the acceptable use policy.

Pupils' personal mobile phones and personal devices will be kept in a secure place, switched off and kept out of sight during lessons and while moving between lessons. If a pupil needs to contact his/her parents/carers they will be allowed to use a school phone. Parents are advised not to contact their child via their mobile phone during the school day, but to contact the school office. Pupils will be instructed in safe and appropriate use of mobile phones and personal devices and will be made aware of boundaries and consequences. If a pupil breaches the school policy then the phone or device will be confiscated and will be held in a secure place in the school office. Mobile phones and devices will be released to parents/carers in accordance with the school policy. School staff may confiscate a pupil's mobile phone or device if they believe it is being used to contravene the school's behaviour or bullying policy. The phone or device may be searched by a member of the Leadership team with the consent of the pupil or parent/carer. Searches of mobile phone or personal devices will be carried out in accordance with the school's policy. See gov.uk [Searching Screening and Confiscation](#). If there is suspicion that material on a pupil's personal device or mobile phone may be illegal or may provide evidence relating to a criminal offence then the device will be handed over to the police for further investigation.

Staff use of personal devices and mobile phones

Members of staff are not permitted to use their own personal phones or devices for contacting children, young people and their families within or outside of the setting in a professional capacity. Any pre-existing relationships which could compromise this will be discussed with leaders/managers.

Staff will not use personal devices such as mobile phones, tablets or cameras to take photos or videos of children and will only use work-provided equipment for this purpose. Staff will not use any personal devices directly with children and will only use work-provided equipment during lessons/educational activities.

Members of staff will ensure that any use of personal phones and devices will always take place in accordance with the law e.g. data protection as well as relevant school policy and procedures e.g. confidentiality, data security, Acceptable Use etc.

Visitors' use of personal devices and mobile phones

Parents/carers and visitors must use mobile phones and personal devices in accordance with the school/settings acceptable use policy.

Use of mobile phones or personal devices by visitors and parents/carers to take photos or videos must take place in accordance with the school image use policy.

Reducing online risks

Ore Village Primary Academy is aware that the Internet is a constantly changing environment with new apps, tools, devices, sites and material emerging at a rapid pace. Emerging technologies will be examined for educational benefit and the school leadership team will ensure that appropriate risk assessments are carried out before use in school is allowed.

The school will ensure that appropriate filtering systems are in place to prevent staff and pupils from accessing unsuitable or illegal content. The school will take all reasonable precautions to ensure that users access only appropriate material. However, due to the global and connected nature of Internet content, it is not always possible to guarantee that access to unsuitable material will never occur via a school/setting computer or device.

The school will audit technology use to establish if the online safety (e-Safety) policy is adequate and that the implementation of the policy is appropriate.

The school will maintain a current record of all staff and pupils who are granted access to the school's devices and systems. All staff, pupils and visitors will read and sign the Acceptable Use Policy before using any school resources.

Parents will be informed that pupils will be provided with supervised Internet access which is appropriate to their age and ability. Parents will be asked to read the Acceptable Use Policy for pupil access and discuss it with their child, where appropriate.

When considering access for vulnerable members of the community (such as with children with special education needs) the school will make decisions based on the specific needs and understanding of the pupil(s).

Pupils will be supported in reading and understanding the Acceptable Use Policy in a way, which suits their age and ability. All users will be informed that network and Internet use will be monitored.

Ore Village Primary Academy is aware that some children may be considered to be more vulnerable online due to a range of factors. Ore Village Primary Academy will ensure that differentiated and ability appropriate online safety (e-Safety) education is given, with input from specialist staff as appropriate (e.g. SENCO, Looked after Child Coordinator).

Engagement and education of staff

The online safety (e-Safety) policy will be formally provided to and discussed with all members of staff as part of induction and will be reinforced and highlighted as part of our safeguarding responsibilities. Staff will be made aware that our Internet traffic can be monitored and traced to the individual user. Discretion and professional conduct is essential when using school systems and devices.

Up-to-date and appropriate staff training in safe and responsible Internet use, both professionally and personally, will be provided for all members of staff on a regular (at least annual) basis.

All members of staff will be made aware that their online conduct out of school could have an impact on their role and reputation within school. Civil, legal or disciplinary action could be taken if they are found to bring the profession or institution into disrepute, or if something is felt to have undermined confidence in their professional abilities.

Engagement and education of parents and carers

For further information please see: [East Sussex LSCB - e-safety for parents and carers](#)

Ore Village Primary Academy recognise that parents/carers have an essential role to play in enabling children to become safe and responsible users of the internet and digital technology. Parents' attention will be drawn to the school online safety (e-Safety) policy and expectations in newsletters, letters, the school prospectus and on the school website. A partnership approach to online safety at home and at school with parents will be encouraged. This may include offering parent evenings with demonstrations and suggestions for safe home Internet use or highlighting online safety at other well attended events e.g. parent evenings, transition events, fetes and sports days.

Managing personal data online

Personal data will be recorded, processed, transferred and made available according to the Data Protection Act 1998.

Security and Management of Information Systems

The security of the school information systems and users will be reviewed regularly. Virus protection will be updated regularly. Personal data sent over the Internet or taken off site (such as via portable media storage) will be encrypted or accessed via appropriate secure remote access systems.

The governors/proprietors will ensure that the school has age and ability appropriate filtering and monitoring in place whilst using school devices and systems to limit children's exposure to online risks. The school's internet access strategy will be dependent on the need and requirements of our community and will therefore be designed to suit the age and curriculum requirements of our pupils, with advice from technical, educational and safeguarding staff.

All monitoring of school owned/provided systems will take place to safeguard members of the community. All users will be informed that use of school systems can be monitored and that all monitoring will be in line with data protection, human rights and privacy legislation.

The school uses educational filtered secure broadband connectivity through the East Sussex Education Network which is appropriate to the age and requirement of our pupils.

The school uses Smoothwall filtering systems which block sites that fall into categories such as pornography, racial hatred, extremism, sites of an illegal nature, etc. The school will work with Schools' ICT to ensure that filtering policy is continually reviewed.

The school will have a clear procedure for reporting breaches of filtering which all members of the school community (all staff and all pupils) will be made aware of. If staff or pupils discover

unsuitable sites, the URL will be reported to the School Designated Safeguarding Lead and will then be recorded and escalated as appropriate. The school filtering system will block all sites on the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) list. Changes to the school filtering policy will be risk assessed by staff with educational and technical experience prior to any changes and where appropriate with consent from the Leadership Team. All changes to the school filtering policy will be logged and recorded.

The Leadership Team will ensure that regular checks are made to ensure that the filtering methods selected are effective and appropriate.

Any material that the school believes is illegal will be reported to appropriate agencies such as IWF, East Sussex Police or CEOP immediately.

Management of applications (apps) used to record children's progress

The headteachers are ultimately responsible for the security of any data or images held of children.

Apps/systems which store personal data will be risk assessed prior to use. Only school/setting issued devices will be used for apps that record and store children's personal details, attainment or photographs. Personal staff mobile phones or devices will not be used to access or upload content to any apps which record and store children's personal details, attainment or images. Devices will be appropriately encrypted if taken off site to prevent a data security breach in the event of loss or theft.

Users will be advised on safety measures to protect all members of the community such as using strong passwords, logging out of systems etc.

Parents will be informed of the school's expectations regarding safe and appropriate use (e.g. not sharing passwords or sharing images) prior to being given access.

Responding to Online Incidents and Concerns

All members of the community will be made aware of the range of online risks that are likely to be encountered including sexting, online/cyber bullying etc. This will be highlighted within staff training and educational approaches for pupils.

All members of the school community will be informed about the procedure for reporting online safety (e-Safety) concerns, such as breaches of filtering, cyberbullying, illegal content etc.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) will be informed of any online safety (e-Safety) incidents involving child protection concerns, which will then be recorded.

The DSL will ensure that online safety concerns are escalated and reported to relevant agencies in line with the Local Safeguarding Children Board thresholds and procedures.

Complaints about Internet misuse will be dealt with under the School's complaints procedure.

Complaints about online bullying will be dealt with under the School's anti-bullying policy and procedure. Any complaint about staff misuse will be referred to the head teacher

Any allegations against a member of staff's online conduct will be discussed with the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO).

Pupils, parents and staff will be informed of the school's complaints procedure.

Staff will be informed of the whistleblowing procedure.

All members of the school community will need to be aware of the importance of confidentiality and the need to follow the official school procedures for reporting concerns.

All members of the school community will be reminded about safe and appropriate behaviour online and the importance of not posting any content, comments, images or videos online which cause harm, distress or offence to any other members of the school community.

The school will manage online safety (e-Safety) incidents in accordance with the school discipline/behaviour policy where appropriate.

The school will inform parents/carers of any incidents of concerns as and when required.

After any investigations are completed, the school will debrief, identify lessons learnt and implement any changes as required.

Where there is cause for concern or fear that illegal activity has taken place or is taking place then the school will contact the SLES Safeguarding Team or East Sussex Police via 101 or 999 if there is immediate danger or risk of harm.

The use of computer systems without permission or for inappropriate purposes could constitute a criminal offence under the Computer Misuse Act 1990 and breaches will be reported to East Sussex Police.

If the school is unsure how to proceed with any incidents of concern, then the incident will be escalated to the SLES Safeguarding Team. If an incident of concern needs to be passed beyond the school then the concern will be escalated to the SLES Safeguarding Team to communicate to other schools/settings in East Sussex.

Parents and children will need to work in partnership with the school to resolve issues.

‘Sexting’

Ore Village Primary Academy ensure that all members of the community are made aware of the potential social, psychological and criminal consequences of sharing, possessing and creating youth produced sexual imagery (known as “sexting”).

Ore Village Primary Academy views “sexting” as a safeguarding issue and all concerns will be reported to and dealt with by the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mike Taylor).

The school will follow the guidance as set out in the non-statutory UKCCIS advice ‘Sexting in schools and colleges: responding to incidents and safeguarding young people’.

If the school are made aware of any incident involving indecent images of a child the school will:

- Act in accordance with the school’s child protection and safeguarding policy and the relevant East Sussex Local Safeguarding Children Board’s procedures.
- Immediately notify the designated safeguarding lead.
- Store the device securely.
- Carry out a risk assessment in relation to the children involved.
- Consider the vulnerabilities of children involved (including carrying out relevant checks with other agencies)
- Make a referral to children’s social care and/or the police (as needed/appropriate).
- Put the necessary safeguards in place for children e.g. offer counselling support and immediate protection and offer appropriate pastoral support for those involved.
- Inform parents/carers about the incident and how it is being managed.
- Implement appropriate sanctions in accordance with the school’s behaviour policy but taking care not to further traumatise victims where possible.
- Review the handling of any incidents to ensure that the school is implementing best practice and the leadership team will review and update any management procedures where necessary.

The school will not view an image suspected of being youth produced sexual imagery unless there is no other possible option or there is a clear need or reason to do so (in these cases the image will only be viewed by the Designated Safeguarding Lead). The school will not send, share or save indecent images of children and will not allow or request children to do so. If an indecent image has been taken or shared on the school’s network or devices then the school will take action to block access to all users and isolate the image. The school will need to involve or consult the police if images are considered to be illegal.

The school will take action regarding indecent images, regardless of the use of school/setting equipment or personal equipment, both on and off the premises.

The school will ensure that all members of the community are aware of sources of support regarding youth produced sexual imagery.

Responding to concerns regarding radicalisation and extremism online

The school will take all reasonable precautions to ensure that children are safe from terrorist and extremist material when accessing the internet in schools and that suitable filtering is in place which takes into account the needs of pupils. When concerns are noted by staff that a child may be at risk of radicalisation online then the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) will be informed immediately and action will be taken in line with the school safeguarding policy.

Online hate content directed towards or posted by specific members of the community will be responded to in line with existing school policies, including anti-bullying, behaviour etc. If the school is unclear if a criminal offence has been committed then the Designated Safeguarding Lead will obtain advice immediately via the SLES Safeguarding Team and/or East Sussex Police.

Responding to concerns regarding cyberbullying

Cyberbullying, along with all other forms of bullying, of any member of Ore Village Primary Academy community will not be tolerated. Full details are set out in the school policies regarding anti-bullying and behaviour. All incidents of online bullying reported will be recorded. There are clear procedures in place to investigate incidents or allegations and support anyone in the school

community affected by online bullying. If the school is unclear if a criminal offence has been committed then the Designated Safeguarding Lead will obtain advice immediately through Sussex Police.

Pupils, staff and parents/carers will be advised to keep a record of the bullying as evidence.

The school will take steps to identify the bully where possible and appropriate. This may include examining school system logs, identifying and interviewing possible witnesses, and contacting the service provider and the police, if necessary.

Pupils, staff and parents/carers will be required to work with the school to support the approach to cyberbullying and the schools e-Safety ethos. Online hate at Ore Village Primary Academy will not be tolerated. Further details are set out in the school policies regarding anti-bullying and behaviour.

All incidents of online hate reported to the school will be recorded.

All members of the community will be advised to report online hate in accordance with relevant school policies and procedures e.g. anti-bullying, behaviour etc.

The Police will be contacted if a criminal offence is suspected. If the school is unclear if a criminal offence has been committed then the Designated Safeguarding Lead will obtain advice immediately through the Sussex Police.