



St Mary's CE Infant School E-safety Policy

Introduction

At St. Mary's Infant School, we recognise that learning is a life-long process and that e-learning is an integral part of it. Ensuring that we provide pupils with the skills to make the most of information and communication technologies is an essential part of our curriculum. The school is committed to the continuing development of our ICT infrastructure and embracing new technologies so as to maximise the opportunities for all to engage in productive, cooperative and efficient communication and information sharing.

Network Safety

- We expect all users to only log on using their own username.
- We expect pupils to respect the contributions and privacy of all other users and to make no attempt to access or interfere with another user's work.
- We expect pupils to only save work to shared areas with permission.
- We expect pupils to only print out work when directed by staff to do so.

Internet Safety

When using the school network all access to the internet is protected by a number of filters which are designed to prevent accidental or deliberate access to unsuitable materials. Pupils are taught that the internet contains many websites that are useful, but that there are also websites that are unpleasant, not child-friendly or that can damage your computer. Children are regularly reminded by all staff that St Mary's is a "telling school" and they should always tell their parents/carers or their teacher if they feel uncomfortable or worried as a result of anything that they have seen or heard online.

Digital Images

Digital still and video cameras are used for recording special events as well as being essential tools for everyday learning experiences across the curriculum. Some images celebrating the work of pupils may be selected to be shown on the school website. On the website we never state a child's full name with their image. Digital images may be shared with partner schools and organisations as part of collaborative learning projects. All such use is monitored and supervised by St Mary's staff. Parents are given the option of requesting that their child's image is not used and this request is always respected.

E-Bullying

St. Mary's School takes bullying very seriously and we expect all members of our community to communicate with each other with respect and courtesy. Bullying of any type will not be tolerated and will be dealt with under the procedures within the School Policy on Behaviour, including bullying.

Mobile Phones

Pupils are not permitted to have mobile phones upon their person in school. Staff are not permitted to use their mobile phones in order to take photographs of the children.