Online Safety – appendix

Redgate Primary Academy

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Diverse Academies

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At Redgate Primary Academy, we adhere to the Diverse Academies Online Safety Policy.

[DAT Online Safety Policy](#)

Redgate Primary Academy is committed to supporting all members of the academy community to understand both the benefits and the risks of technology, and to equip children with the knowledge and skills to be able to use technology safely and responsibly.

1 Key Staff

- The Online Safety Policy relates to other policies including those for ICT, anti-bullying and for child protection.

- The **Designated Safeguarding Lead** is **Claire Gouthwaite**

- The academy **Online Safety Coordinator** is **Claire Gouthwaite**

- The **governor** responsible for online safety is **Pete Edwards**

2 Internet Use for Children and Young People with SEN

Children with SEN are potentially more vulnerable and more at risk than others when using

ICT:

- Those children with ASD may make literal interpretations of content, which will affect how they respond.

- They may not understand some of the terminology used.

- Those with needs that are more complex do not always understand the concept of friendship and therefore trust everyone implicitly. They do not know how to make judgements about what information is safe to share. This leads to confusion about why you should not trust others on the internet.

- Some children may be vulnerable to being bullied through the internet and may not recognise that they are being bullied.

- They may not appreciate how their own online behaviour may be seen by someone else as bullying.

3 Curriculum

Redgate Primary Academy ensures that:

- All adults are aware of their responsibility to keep children safe online

As appropriate to the individual child:

- Online safety is delivered through the computing curriculum and PSHE curriculum as appropriate for each child's individual needs. [Click here for more information regarding the Redgate Curriculum](#)
- They will be taught how to use the internet safely.
- They will be taught online safety rules, in an appropriate format. Rules will be posted in classrooms and discussed with children as part of their learning, where appropriate.
- They will be taught, where appropriate to be critically aware of the materials/content they access online and be guided to validate the accuracy of information
- Where children are allowed to freely search the internet, staff will be vigilant in monitoring the content of the websites they visit
- They will be taught how to report unpleasant internet content to their class staff, parent, or carer
- They will be taught to understand the importance of password security and the need to log out of accounts

Parents/Carers will be supported by:

- Information on the safe use of the internet for their families where applicable

A link to useful resources on our academy website and weekly newsletter