



Online Safety Policy 2024-2025

Online safety has a high profile at Sacred Heart Primary School. We ensure this profile is maintained and that pupil needs are met by the following:

- A relevant up-to-date online safety curriculum which is progressive from Early Years to the end of Year 6. In Early Years and Key Stage 1 the curriculum combines units from Project Evolve with story-based learning about online safety. In Key Stage 2 children follow the Google Internet Legends programme, with an additional focus on Digital Wellbeing.
- A curriculum that is threaded through other lessons and embedded in the day-to-day lives of the children. Internet Safety Day is celebrated across the whole school in February.
- The Acceptable Use policy is displayed in all classrooms and is taught explicitly in the first half term of each year. It is shared with parents each year and is freely available.
- Children are taught to:
 - Be Internet Sharp: Think Before You Share. To thoughtfully consider what they share and with whom, understand the consequences that come along with sharing and keep extra-sensitive information to themselves.
 - Be Internet Alert: Check It's For Real. To know how to tell the difference between what's real and what's fake, understand phishing and how to report it and spot the signs of potential scams.
 - Be Internet Secure: Protect Your Stuff. To take responsibility for protecting important information and craft a unique and memorable password.
 - Be Internet Kind: Respect Each Other. To use the power of the Internet to spread positivity, block mean-spirited or inappropriate behaviour and speak up against bullying, reporting it every time.
 - Be Internet Brave: When In Doubt, Discuss. To speak up when they have noticed inappropriate behaviour, stand up when they see something they are not comfortable with and report when they witness people being treated poorly online.
- Acceptable Use policies for staff – reviewed and updated, as appropriate, annually.
- Training for staff and families delivered by Gem Education, which is relevant to their needs and in turn positively impacts pupils.
- Pupil talk sessions steer changes and inform training needs for staff and families.
- Parents are kept up to date with online safety matters, through communication channels including Twitter, where National Online Safety guidance is shared weekly.
- Filtering and monitoring systems for all of our online access, coordinated by Sacred Heart High School.

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