

# E-Safety for Children Policy



## Policy

The purpose of this policy is to work alongside the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy to ensure the safety and welfare of children in relation to the use of ICT equipment across the nursery.

Early Years Day Nursery recognises that digital technologies are an integral part of modern life. The internet and other digital tools provide valuable opportunities to support learning, communication, and creativity. However, they also present potential risks, particularly for young children.

We are committed to promoting the safe and responsible use of ICT, the internet, and online platforms to ensure that children, staff, and families are protected, while also developing confidence and understanding in the use of technology.

## Responsibilities & Procedures

The following section outlines the responsibilities of the nursery setting with relation to e-Safety.

- Safeguard children against exposure to any harmful or offensive content, or from being the subject of inappropriate contact via the Internet or ICT
- Teach children and families of appropriate online and digital conduct, to decrease risk of harm through the use of technology
- Assess and manage risks involved with the application of ICT in the setting, monitoring effectiveness of risk assessment and consequent e-Safety strategies
- Develop a consistent approach to e-Safety across all areas of nursery life, developing capability around ICT in Early Years
- Educate staff and parents about the key risks involved in Internet use and/or digital technologies for children
- Practitioners help children to gain an effective understanding of when they might be at risk, including when using the internet, digital technology and social media and where to get support if they need it.
- Identify training procedures for all staff to support the successful application of e-Safety measures throughout all areas of learning and nursery operations
- Provide staff guidance on the acceptable use of ICT and the Internet as a tool to support effective learning and development
- Outline consequences for any breach in company policy relating to e-Safety in accordance with our Staff Code of Conduct
- Monitor and maintain an e-Safety incident log to document any incidents
- Liaise with local authority/relevant bodies to stay up to date with current ICT initiatives
- Ensure a robust Risk assessment is completed to minimise the risk to all users, and this is reviewed frequently.

## Training and Staff Responsibilities

All staff will receive training on e-safety, including:

- Understanding risks associated with internet and digital technology use
- Procedures to follow in the event of an e-safety incident
- Appropriate and effective use of ICT to support children's learning
- Acceptable use of ICT and professional conduct online
- Acting as positive role models in their use of technology and personal devices

Staff must ensure that:

- Personal devices are used in line with nursery policy
- Children are supervised at all times when accessing ICT
- Any concerns or incidents are reported immediately

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## Supporting Children

We will:

- Provide age-appropriate opportunities for children to explore ICT safely
- Deliver simple, consistent e-safety messages through daily practice
- Encourage children to develop confidence in recognising risks and seeking help
- Promote safe behaviours when using digital tools

## Working in Partnership with Parents

We recognise that parents and carers play a key role in supporting children's online safety.

The nursery will:

- Promote awareness of e-safety to parents
- Provide guidance on managing risks in the home environment
- Share information and resources to support safe use of technology

## E-Safety Incident Reporting

Any breach of this policy must be reported immediately to the management team and, where appropriate, the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

All incidents will be managed in line with the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and GDPR Policy.

Where necessary, external agencies will be informed in accordance with safeguarding procedures.