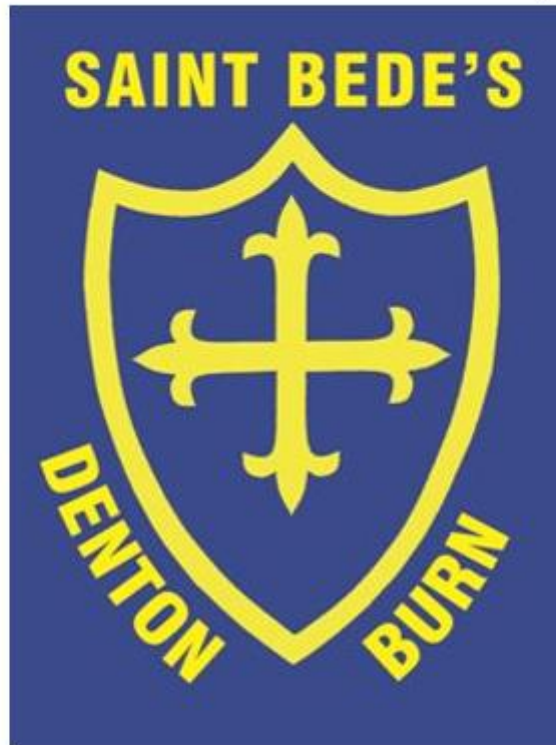


St Bede's Catholic Primary School



As one

we learn together,

play together,

pray together,

as one

Online Safety Policy

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At St Bede's Catholic Primary School, we strive to create a safe, respectful, and Christ-centred environment that supports the holistic development of every child. In accordance with our Christian values, we aim to ensure that all members of our school community engage with online technologies in a safe, responsible, and ethical manner.

Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this policy is to outline the responsibilities of staff, pupils, and parents/guardians in ensuring safe and appropriate use of technology. The policy aims to:

- Protect pupils from online harm, including cyberbullying, inappropriate content, and online predators.
- Educate pupils about digital citizenship, promoting safe and respectful behaviour online.
- Guide staff in their responsibility to safeguard pupils in the digital environment.
- Ensure compliance with legal requirements, including the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and safeguarding legislation.

Our aim is to produce learners who are confident and effective users of computing. We strive to achieve this by:

- Helping all children to use computing with purpose and enjoyment
- Helping all children to develop the necessary skills to exploit computing
- Helping all children to become autonomous users of computing
- Helping all children to evaluate the benefits of computing and its impact on society
- Meeting the requirements of the national curriculum and helping all children to achieve the highest possible standards of achievement
- Using computing to develop partnerships beyond the school
- Celebrating success in the use of computing

Scope of the Policy

This policy applies to:

- All members of the school community (staff, pupils, parents, visitors) who have access to and are users of the school's computing systems, both on-site and remotely.
- All devices and platforms, including school computers, personal devices used on the school premises, online platforms and social media.

This policy, supported by the school's acceptance use agreement for staff and Code of Conduct for pupils, is to protect the interests and safety of the whole school community. It is linked to the following mandatory school policies:

- Child Protection
- Health, Safety and Welfare
- Home – School Agreements
- Ethos, Behaviour and Anti-Bullying
- RSE/PSHE

Education- Pupils

Online safety is a focus in all areas of the curriculum and staff reinforce Online safety messages throughout the curriculum. The Online safety curriculum is broad, relevant and provides progression, with opportunities for creative activities and is provided in the following ways:



- A planned Online safety curriculum is provided as part of Computing (digital literacy) / PHSE / other lessons and is regularly revisited.
- Key Online safety messages are reinforced as part of a planned programme of assemblies and tutorial activities.
- Pupils are taught in all lessons to be critically aware of the materials/content they access on-line and be guided to validate the accuracy of information.
- Pupils are taught to acknowledge the source of information used and to respect copyright when using material accessed on the internet.
- Pupils are helped to understand the need for the Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement and encouraged to adopt safe and responsible use both within and outside school.
- Staff act as good role models in their use of digital technologies the internet and mobile devices.
- In lessons where internet use is pre-planned, it is best practice that pupils should be guided to sites checked as suitable for their use and that processes are in place for dealing with any unsuitable material that is found in internet searches.
- Where pupils are allowed to freely search the internet, staff are vigilant in monitoring the content of the websites the young people visit.
- It is accepted that from time to time, for good educational reasons, students may need to research topics (e.g. racism, drugs, discrimination) that would normally result in internet searches being blocked. In such a situation, staff can request that the Technical Staff temporarily remove those sites from the filtered list for the period of study. Any request to do so, should be auditable, with clear reasons for the need.

Education – Parents / Carers

Many parents and carers have only a limited understanding of Online safety risks and issues, yet they play an essential role in the education of their children and in the monitoring / regulation of the children's online behaviours. Parents may underestimate how often children and young people come across potentially harmful and inappropriate material on the internet and may be unsure about how to respond.

The school will therefore seek to provide information and awareness to parents and carers through:

- Curriculum activities
- Letters, newsletters, websites
- Parents sessions
- High profile events / campaigns e.g. Safer Internet Day
- Access for parents to 'Internet Matters' 'National Online Safety Platform'

Education & Training – Staff / Volunteers

It is essential that all staff receive Online safety training and understand their responsibilities, as outlined in this policy. Training will be offered as follows:



- A planned programme of formal Online safety training is made available to staff. This will be regularly updated and reinforced. An audit of the Online safety training needs of all staff will be carried out regularly.

Training – Governors

Governors will have the opportunity to take part in Online safety training / awareness sessions. This may be offered in a number of ways:

- Attendance at training provided by the Local Authority, National Governors Association or other relevant organisation.
- Participation in school training / information sessions for staff or parents (this may include attendance at assemblies / lessons).

Roles and Responsibilities

Local Governing Committee

- Ensure that online safety is a priority within the school's safeguarding responsibilities.
- Oversee the implementation and review of this policy.

Headteacher

- Ensure the safety (including online safety) of all members of the school community.
- Provide leadership and ensure appropriate training for staff and pupils on online safety.

Designated Safeguarding Lead / Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL / DDSL)

- Act as the primary point of contact for online safety concerns.
- Ensure staff are aware of their responsibilities in relation to safeguarding in the online space.
- Monitor and report on online safety incidents.

Teaching and Support Staff

- Model safe, responsible, and professional online behaviour.
- Educate pupils about online safety during lessons, particularly in Computing and Personal, Social, Health, and Economic (PSHE) education.
- Report any online safety incidents to the DSL/ DDSL.

Parents/Guardians

- Support the school's approach to online safety by promoting good online behaviour at home.
- Be aware of online safety risks and monitor their child's use of technology.
- Report any online concerns to the school.

Pupils

- Follow the school's Online Safety Rules.
- Use technology safely, responsibly, and respectfully.
- Report any online safety concerns to a trusted adult.

Educating Pupils on Online Safety

- Curriculum: Online safety will be taught as part of the Computing and PSHE curriculum. This will include topics such as cyberbullying, protecting personal information, safe social media use, and understanding the risks of online gaming.



- Digital Citizenship: Pupils will be encouraged to develop as responsible digital citizens by engaging with technology in ways that reflect the school's Christian values of respect, integrity, and empathy.

Use of School Devices and Networks

- The use of school devices and networks is monitored to ensure compliance with this policy.
- Pupils and staff are required to use the internet and school devices for educational purposes only.
- Access to certain websites and apps may be restricted to protect pupils from harmful content.

Use of mobile devices

Mobile Phones

Staff

- All staff mobile phones should be either switched off or on silent and stored in an appropriate place during the school day
- No member of staff should use a personal mobile phone in the presence of pupils
- Mobile phones may be used during break times but only in areas of the school where pupils are not present
- Staff should keep personal phone numbers private and not use their own mobile phones to contact pupils or parents
- Staff should use a school mobile phone when on a school visit
- Staff are responsible for their own mobile phone security and must report thefts immediately to the head teacher

Pupils

- Phones must always be switched off or on silent mode and handed in to the main office before the start of the school day, to be collected at the end of the day
- If a pupil needs to contact his/her parents/guardians, staff will use the school phone in the main office on their behalf
- If parents need to contact children urgently they should always phone the school office
- School accepts no responsibility whatsoever for theft, loss, damage or health effects, (potential or actual), relating to mobile phones
- It is the responsibility of parents and pupils to ensure mobile phones are adequately insured
- If a pupil breaches these rules the phone will be confiscated and given in to the main office. It will be returned to the pupil at the end of the school day. If another offence is committed then the phone will be confiscated and will only be returned to that pupil's parent/carer in person

Visitors

- All visitors will be expected to refrain from using their mobile phone in school in the presence of pupils

Laptops

- Staff provided with a laptop purchased by the school can only use it for private purposes at the discretion of the Headteacher. Such laptops remain the property of the school and are open to scrutiny by senior management, contracted technicians and the computing subject leader



- Laptops belonging to the school must have updated antivirus software installed and be password protected
- Staff provided with a laptop purchased by the school are responsible for updating the antivirus software
- Staff should not attach personal laptops to the school network
- The security of school laptops is of prime importance due to their portable nature and them being susceptible to theft

Use of digital media (cameras and recording devices)

Consent and Purpose

- Parents will give written consent at the beginning of each school year or on entry to school for photographs of their children to be taken or used. They may also be asked to give consent for certain activities children will be taking part in during the school year.
- Adults employed in school will give written consent at the beginning of each school year or on entry to school for photographs of themselves to be taken or used.
- It will be made very clear, when gaining consent, how photographs can / cannot be used (including the use of external photographers or involvement of 3rd parties)
- Consent includes permission to store / use images once a child has left the school e.g. for brochures, displays etc. Images will be deleted when the child has reached the end of year 11.
- Parents are informed of the purposes for which images may be taken and used e.g. displays, website, brochures, learning journeys and portfolios, press / other external media.
- A list of all children and adults who have requested that their photographs will not be taken or used is available in the school office.

Taking Photographs / Video

- All members of staff are authorised to take photographs/videos.
- All photographs/videos should be taken using school owned equipment. The use of personal equipment to store images is not allowed.
- When taking photographs/ video:
 - The rights of an individual to refuse to be photographed will be respected.
 - The photograph will not show children who are distressed, injured or in a context that could be embarrassing or misinterpreted.
 - Ensure that certain children are not continually favoured when taking images.
 - Ensure that subjects are appropriately dressed and consider the whole photograph including what may be visible in the background

Parents Taking Photographs / Videos

Under the Data Protection Act (1998), parents are entitled to take photographs of **their own** children on the provision that the images are for **their own** use, e.g. at a school production. Including other children or other purpose could constitute a potential breach of Data Protection legislation.

- Parents are informed that they should only take photographs of their own children and that they need permission to include any other children / adults
- Parents are asked to wait until the end of an event to take photographs / videos so as not to disrupt the event.



- Parents are reminded in writing, that publishing images which include children other than their own or other adults on Social Network sites is not acceptable, unless specific permission has been obtained from the subjects

Storage of Photographs / Video

- Photographs are securely stored on the school network and school cameras / iPads and are not removed from the school environment.
- Storage of photographs on USB memory sticks is not allowed.
- Storage of images on personal equipment e.g. tablets, laptops or USB storage devices is not allowed
- Staff should not store personal images on school equipment.
- School staff have access to photographs / videos stored on school equipment.
- School staff are responsible for deleting photographs / video or disposing of printed copies (e.g. by shredding) once the purpose for the image has lapsed
- Should a parent withdraw permission for photographs / videos a nominated member of staff will ensure that all images have been securely deleted.
- All images sent via email should be sent securely.

Publication of Photographs / Videos

When publishing images,

- Children's images should not be displayed on insecure sites e.g. personal Social Networking Sites.
- Full names and personal details will not be used on any digital media, particularly in association with photographs/ videos

The Media, 3rd Parties and Copyright

- 3rd Parties are supervised at all times whilst in the school and permission is sought from parents prior to the taking of any photographs / videos
- If uploading images to a 3rd party website, e.g. for printing or creating calendars, cards etc, the terms and conditions of the web site must be read beforehand and agreed by the head teacher.

CCTV, Video Conferencing, VOIP and Webcams

- Parents are informed if CCTV, video conferencing or webcams are being used / in use in the school.
- Parents have given permission for their child/children to participate in activities that include taking of video and photographs.
- Video conferencing (or similar) sessions should be logged including the date, time and the name of the external organisation/ person(s) taking part
- The purpose for video conferencing or webcams will be made clear to those liable to be included in footage taken by these resources
- Notifications are in place to inform setting users that CCTV is being used
- CCTV cameras are located in various positions in the school grounds

How will email be managed?

- Staff should not use personal email accounts during school hours or for professional purposes



- Staff must use their school e mail account and not their personal e mail account for all school correspondence.

School website

- The Headteacher will take overall editorial responsibility and ensure that content is accurate and appropriate
- The website should comply with the school's guidelines for publications including respect for intellectual property rights and copyright

Can pupil's images or work be published?

- Images that include pupils will be selected carefully and will not provide material that could be reused
- Pupils' full names will not be used anywhere on the website, particularly in association with photographs
- Written permission from parents or carers must be obtained before images of pupils are electronically published (parent's consent form)
- Pupils' work can only be published with their parent's permission (parent's consent form)

Social Networks

- If a social network site is used personally, staff must not share details with pupils and privacy settings should be reviewed regularly to ensure information is not shared automatically with a wider audience than intended.
- Staff must not give personal contact details to pupils or parents / carers
- Staff should not befriend pupils or other members of the school community on social networking sites
- Staff must not use school equipment to communicate with personal contacts (eg Facetime on an iPad)
- The content posted online should not:
 - Bring the school into disrepute
 - Lead to valid parental complaints
 - Be deemed as derogatory towards the school and / or its employees
 - Be deemed as derogatory towards pupils and / or parents and carers
 - Bring into question their appropriateness to work with children and young people

Inappropriate use of Social Networking sites – Action by the school:

Following a report of inappropriate use of social networking sites, the nominated person will take the following action.

- Where online content is upsetting and inappropriate, and the person or people responsible for posting are known, the nominated person will explain why the material is unacceptable and request that it be removed.
- If the person responsible has not been, or cannot be, identified, or will not take material down, the nominated person will contact the host (for example, the social networking site)



with a view to removal of the content. The material posted may breach the service provider's terms and conditions of use and can then be removed.

- In cases where the victim's personal identity has been compromised – for example, where a site or an online identity alleging to belong to the victim is being used, the nominated person will support the victim in establishing their identity and lodging a complaint directly with the service provider. Some service providers will not accept complaints lodged by a third party. In cases of mobile phone abuse, for example, where the person being bullied is receiving malicious calls or messages, the account holder will need to contact their provider directly.
- Before the nominated person contacts a service provider, he or she will check the location of the material – for example by taking a screen capture of the material that includes the URL or web address. If the nominated person is requesting that the service provider takes down material that is not illegal, he or she will be clear how it contravenes the site's terms and conditions.

Where the perpetrator is a member of the school community (including parents/carers) the school will:

- deal with harassment and bullying under the relevant school procedure;
- take care to make an informed evaluation of the severity of the incident;
- deliver appropriate and consistent sanctions; and
- provide full support to the staff member(s) affected.

The LGC recognises its legal duty to protect staff from unlawful harassment as well as mental and physical injury at work.

In cases of potentially criminal content, the nominated person will consider whether the police should be involved, following appropriate liaison with staff, and parents where necessary.

Infrastructure and technology

Pupil access

- Children are supervised by an adult when accessing school equipment and online materials
- Pupils are allocated to specific machines (laptops/ iPads)
- Children have restricted access to the school's network

Adult access

- Access to certain areas of the school's network are restricted to identified members of staff according to their areas of responsibility

Passwords

- All users of the school network have a secure username and password
- Staff and children are reminded of the importance of keeping passwords secure



Software/hardware

- The school has legal ownership of all software (including apps on tablet devices)
- There is an up to date record of appropriate licenses for all software
- Equipment and software are audited on an annual basis
- The Mercu technicians control what software is installed on school systems

Managing the network and technical support

- Servers, wireless systems and cabling are securely located and physical access is restricted
- Wireless devices are accessible only through a secure password
- The Mercu technicians are responsible for managing the security of the school network and keeping the school systems up to date in terms of security
- Users (staff, children, guests) have clearly defined access rights to the school network e.g. they have a username and password and permissions are assigned according to their role.
- Staff and children are required/reminded to lock or log out of a school system when a computer/digital device is left unattended
- The Mercu technicians are responsible for assessing and installing new software
- Any suspicion or evidence of a breach of security should be reported to the head teacher.
- Mercu technical support provider is aware of the school's requirements / standards regarding online safety
- Computing subject leader and the Headteacher are responsible for liaising with the technical support staff

Filtering and virus protection

- Filtering and monitoring is managed through a regulated provider
- Staff are aware of the procedures for blocking and unblocking specific websites
- Staff are aware of the procedures for reporting suspected or actual computer virus infection. These should be reported to the head teacher immediately.

Assessing Risks

The school will take all reasonable precautions to prevent access to inappropriate material through the use of corporate filtering systems. However, due to the global and connected nature of Internet content, it is not possible to guarantee that access to unsuitable material will never appear on a computer connected to the school network

Data Protection and Privacy

- The school is committed to safeguarding personal data and adheres to GDPR guidelines.
- Pupils' personal data will not be shared without explicit consent, unless required by law.
- Staff must ensure that personal and sensitive data, especially regarding pupils, is stored and transmitted securely.

Use of Social Media

- Staff: Staff members are advised to use personal social media accounts responsibly and to avoid befriending or engaging with pupils on social platforms.
- Pupils: The school will educate pupils on the safe use of social media, emphasizing the importance of privacy, respectful communication, and avoiding inappropriate content.



Cyberbullying

The school takes cyberbullying seriously and considers it a form of bullying subject to the school's Anti-Bullying Policy. Any incidents of cyberbullying should be reported to the DSL/ DDSL, and appropriate actions will be taken.

Cyberbullying

- Cyberbullying (along with all forms of bullying) will not be tolerated in school. Full details are set out in the school's Anti-Bullying Policy
- There will be clear procedures in place to support anyone affected by cyberbullying
- All incidents of cyberbullying should be reported to the Headteacher at the earliest possible opportunity
- All incidents of cyberbullying reported to the school will be recorded
- Pupils, staff and parents/carers should keep a record of any incident as evidence

There will be clear procedures in place to investigate incidents or allegations of cyberbullying:

- The school will take steps to identify the bully, where appropriate, such as examining system logs, identifying and interviewing possible witnesses, and contacting the service provider and the police, if necessary
- Where the perpetrator is known to be a current pupil or colleague, the majority of cases will be dealt with most effectively under the relevant school disciplinary procedure.
- Monitoring and confiscation must be proportionate to the incident. Except in exceptional circumstances (for example, where disclosure would prejudice the conduct of a criminal investigation) parents, employees and learners will be made aware, and their consent sought, in advance of any monitoring (for example, of e-mail or internet use) or the circumstances under which confiscation might take place.
- Where a potential criminal offence has been identified, and reported to the police, the school will ensure that any internal investigation does not interfere with police inquiries.
- Where pupils are found to have made unfounded, malicious claims against staff members, relevant disciplinary processes will be applied with rigour, as is the case in relation to physical assaults.
- Staff should report all incidents to the nominated person – Headteacher. The nominated person will take responsibility for ensuring the person being bullied is supported, for investigating and managing the incident, and for contacting the police and Local Authority if appropriate.

Sanctions for those involved in cyberbullying may include:

- The bully will be asked to remove any material deemed to be inappropriate or offensive
- A service provider may be contacted to remove content
- Internet access may be suspended at school for the user for a period of time
- Parent/Carers may be informed
- The police will be contacted if a criminal offence is suspected

Online Safety at Home

The school encourages parents to implement the following practices at home:

- Set clear rules for the use of technology and the internet.
- Monitor their child's online activity and ensure safe use of social media and apps.



- Install parental controls on devices to restrict inappropriate content.

Responding to Online Safety Incidents

Any online safety incidents should be reported immediately to the DSL/ DDSL. Depending on the nature of the incident, appropriate measures will be taken, including:

- Investigating and addressing inappropriate behaviour.
- Offering support to those affected by online harm.
- Engaging with external agencies (e.g., police or local safeguarding board) when necessary.

Dealing with incidents

Handling online safety complaints

- Complaints of computing/Internet misuse must be recorded and will be dealt with by the Headteacher, who will decide if sanctions are to be imposed
- Any complaint about staff misuse must be referred to the Headteacher who will decide if sanctions are to be imposed
- Complaints of a child protection nature must be dealt with in accordance with school child protection procedures
- Any complaint about illegal misuse must be referred to the Headteacher, who will decide if a referral to the police or other relevant authority is necessary, following any guidelines issued by Mercu
- All staff, pupils and parents will be informed of the complaints procedure
- All staff, pupils and parents will be informed of the consequences of misusing the Internet and computing equipment

Disseminating the policy

Sharing with pupils

- Online safety rules are highlighted/ discussed during computing sessions
- Pupils will be made aware that the network and Internet use will be monitored
- Regular age appropriate online safety training programme to raise the awareness and importance of safe and responsible Internet use
- An online safety module will be included in the computing scheme of work and RSE/PSHE curriculum

Sharing with staff

- Staff training in safe and responsible Internet use, both professionally and personally, will be provided, including use of social networking sites such as Facebook

Engaging parents

- Parents'/carers' attention will be drawn to the School Online Safety Policy in newsletters, the school brochure and on the school website
- A parents' workshop will be held annually to inform parents/carers about online safety issues and responsible use
- Parents will be requested to sign an online safety/Internet agreement as part of the Home School Agreement (Appendix III)

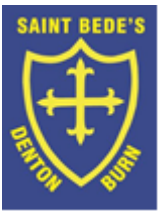


- Information and guidance on online safety will be made available to parents/carers in a variety of formats (i.e. weblinks, printed documents, DVD, leaflets, presentations)
- Internet Matters
- National Online Safety Platform

Review and Monitoring

This policy will be reviewed annually by the headteacher, DSLs and LGC to ensure that it reflects current best practices, legislation, and guidance. Feedback from staff, parents, and pupils will be considered in the review process.





Acceptable Use Agreement for Staff

Computing and the related technologies such as e-mail, the Internet and mobile devices form part of our daily life within school. To ensure that all adults within the school setting are aware of their responsibilities when using any form of computing all staff must sign this Acceptable Use Agreement and adhere to its content at all times. This is to ensure staff provide positive role models to pupils for the safe and responsible use of online technologies and also safeguard themselves from any potential allegations or inadvertent misuse.

- I know that I should only use the school equipment in an appropriate manner and for professional use in accordance with the Online Safety Policy
- I will only use school equipment to take photographs or videos in school or on educational visits
- I will not give out personal information (mobile phone number, personal e-mail address, social network sites etc) to pupils or parents
- I will only use the approved, secure school e-mail system eg (name@schoolname.newcastle.sch.uk) for any school business
- I know that I should complete virus checks on my laptop, memory stick and other portable devices so that I do not inadvertently transfer viruses onto the school network or other computing equipment
- I will not browse, download, upload or distribute any material that could be considered offensive, illegal or discriminatory
- I will ensure school data is stored securely and used appropriately in accordance with school and other relevant policies – materials that must be taken of site can only be done so using an encrypted memory stick and must be deleted as soon as the work is completed.
- I will report any accidental misuse of school computing, or accidental access to inappropriate material to the head teacher
- I will not connect any personal device (laptop, digital camera etc), to the school network without authorisation from the head teacher
- I will respect copyright and intellectual property laws
- I understand that all my use of the Internet and other related technologies can be monitored and logged and made available to the head teacher
- I will ensure that my online activity, both in and outside school, will not bring myself or the school into disrepute (this includes postings on social networking sites e.g. Facebook)

I have read, understood and agree to this code of conduct. I will support the safe and secure use of computing throughout the school. I am aware I may face disciplinary action if I fail to adhere to it.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____





Online Safety Code of Conduct for Pupils

I agree to follow these rules when using the Internet:

- I will not share my username, password or personal information with anyone else
- I will make sure that computing communication with other users is responsible, polite and sensible
- I will not look for, save or send anything that could be upsetting or cause offence. If I accidentally find anything like this I will tell a teacher immediately
- I will only upload materials which are free from copyright and suitable for school use
- I will not deliberately misuse or deface other users' work on the school network
- I know that my use of the Internet is monitored and further action may be taken if a member of school staff is concerned about my safety
- I will be responsible for my behaviour when using the Internet because I know that these rules are designed to keep me safe
- I understand that I am not to bring my mobile phone to school unless I am traveling to school independently and my teacher is aware of this
- I understand and agree to the rules above and am aware there may be sanctions if I do not follow them

Child's name /

Signed: _____

Class: _____

Date: _____





Dear Parent / Carer

As part of an enriched curriculum your child will be accessing the Internet; viewing websites, posting blogs and using email.

In order to support the school in educating your child about online safety (safe use of the Internet), please read and discuss the Code of Conduct (attached) with your child, then sign and return the slip below.

Should you have any concerns and wish to discuss the matter further please contact the head teacher via the school office.

Yours Sincerely

Headteacher



Online Safety Code of Conduct Reply Slip

I have read and discussed the Code of Conduct with

_____ (child's name)

and confirm that he/ she has understood what the rules mean and agrees to follow the online safety rules to support the safe use of computing at St Bede's RC Primary School.

Parent/ Carer

Signature: _____

Print name: _____

Date: _____





Laptop Policy for Staff

Staff provided with a laptop purchased by the school, agree to the following terms of use:

- 1 The laptop remains the property of St Bede's RC Primary School and is for the use of the person it is issued to and must be returned to the school if and when the teacher leaves employment at the school.
- 2 The laptop is open to scrutiny by senior management, contracted technicians and the Computing Subject Leader at school.
- 3 Insurance cover. The school insurance policy will cover laptops when teachers have them at home, as long as they are being used for school business. The policy will not cover any theft from an unattended vehicle when the laptop is being transported to and from school.
- 4 Acceptable Use – teachers should accept and adhere to the school's Acceptable Use Policy, particularly with regard to Internet access.
- 5 The loading of additional software must be authorised by the school, support teaching and learning and be compliant with the following regulations:
 - **Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988**
Specifies that all software must be used only in accordance with the terms of the licence. Generally, the making of copies is forbidden and is a criminal offence.
 - **Computer Misuse Act 1990**
Identifies three main offences concerning unauthorised access to systems, software or data.

If you are in any doubt please speak to the Head Teacher or Deputy Head Teacher before loading any software

- 6 Anti-Virus software must be installed and should be updated on a regular basis. School computing staff will advise on the routines and schedule of this operation. Sophos anti-virus updates are available from school and are covered by the schools SLA.
- 7 Staff are responsible for updating and maintaining the antivirus software at home.
- 8 All repair and maintenance of laptops must be conducted under the terms and conditions of the warranty.
- 9 Data Protection – the terms of the school's Data Protection registration should be adhered to and users must clearly understand that there is a personal legal duty on them as well as the school.



- 10 Any charges incurred by users accessing the Internet from home are **not** chargeable to the school.
- 11 Staff should not connect personal laptops onto the school network.
- 12 Failure to comply with these guidelines and the school's Acceptable Use Policy, may result in the withdrawal of the laptop and may lead to disciplinary proceedings.

Laptop Details:

Make: _____

Model: _____

Serial Number: _____

Authorised by Headteacher:

Signed: _____

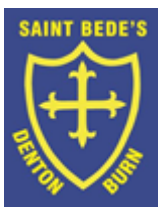
Date: _____

Member of Staff:

Print name: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____



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Identifies three main offences concerning unauthorised access to systems, software or data.

If you are in any doubt please speak to the Head Teacher or Deputy Head Teacher before loading any software

- 18 Anti-Virus software must be installed and should be updated on a regular basis. School computing staff will advise on the routines and schedule of this operation. Sophos anti-virus updates are available from school and are covered by the school's SLA.
- 19 Staff are responsible for updating and maintaining the antivirus software at home.
- 20 All repair and maintenance of iPad must be conducted under the terms and conditions of the warranty.
- 21 Data Protection – the terms of the school's Data Protection registration should be adhered to and users must clearly understand that there is a personal legal duty on them as well as the school.



- 22 Any charges incurred by users accessing the Internet from home are **not** chargeable to the school.
- 23 Staff should not connect personal iPad onto the school network.
- 24 Failure to comply with these guidelines and the school's Acceptable Use Policy, may result in the withdrawal of the iPad and may lead to disciplinary proceedings.

iPad Details:

Make: _____

Model: _____

Serial Number: _____

Authorised by Headteacher:

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Member of Staff:

Print name: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____





Pupils' Mobile Phone Policy

- St Bede's RC Primary School discourages pupils from bringing mobile phones to school
- If a pupil needs to bring a mobile telephone to school, for example if they are travelling backwards and forwards to school without an adult and it is a matter of safety, the phone must be taken to the office as soon as the child enters the school building where it will be securely stored until the end of the school day, when it can be collected
- The phone should be switched off and given in to the office on arrival at school
- The phone must be collected at the end of the school day from the office
- Where a pupil is found with a mobile in school, including the playground, the phone will be taken from the pupil and placed in the office. Parents will be contacted to collect the phone
- If a pupil is found taking photographs or video footage with a mobile phone of either pupils or teachers, this will be regarded as a serious offence and the Headteacher will decide on appropriate disciplinary action. In certain circumstances, the pupil may be referred to the Police. If images of other pupils or teachers have been taken, the phone will not be returned to the pupil until the images have been removed by an appropriate person
- Parents are advised that St Bede's RC Primary School accepts no liability for the loss or damage to mobile phones which are brought into the school
- If a pupil needs to contact his/her parents/carers urgently, a member of staff will do so on their behalf and use a school phone. If parents need to contact children urgently they should phone the school office and a message will be relayed promptly





Staff Mobile Phone Policy

- All staff mobile phones should be either switched off or on silent and stored securely during the school day
- No member of staff should use a personal mobile phone in the presence of pupils
- Mobile phones may be used during break times but only in the areas of school where pupils are not present
- Staff should keep personal phone numbers private and not use their own mobile phones to contact pupils or parents
- Staff should use a school mobile phone when on a school visit
- Staff should keep record of their mobile phone's unique International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) number, keep phones secure on school premises and report thefts immediately to the head teacher





Photographs of Children – Parental Consent Form

Name of Child: _____ Date of Birth: ___ / ___ / ___

St Bede's RC Primary School would like to take photographs and or video recordings of pupils whilst they attend the school to celebrate their achievements and successes. Still or moving images may be published in our printed publications (e.g. School prospectus, newsletters) and/or on our external website (www.stbedes.newcastle.sch.uk) They may also be used to promote the good educational practice of the school to other teachers e.g. at training events organised by the Local Authority or national education/government institutions. Children's names will never be published alongside their photographs externally to the school. Names may be used internally, for example – on a display within school.

Photographs / videos may also be published for internal use only, as part of children's regular classroom work e.g. on classroom displays, within multimedia projects (e.g. PowerPoint), on the school's internal network and to share educational achievements with parents e.g. video presentation of a school trip. Electronic images, whether photographs or videos, will be stored securely on the school's network which is accessible only by authorised users. Before using any photographs/videos of your child we need your permission. Please answer questions 1 to 5 below, then sign and date the form where indicated.

Please return the completed form to the school office as soon as possible.

[Please delete]

1. May we use your child's photograph within in school displays?

Yes / No

2. May we use your child's photograph in printed publications produced by St Bede's RC Primary School e.g. school newsletter or newspaper distributed to the school community?

Yes / No

3. May we use your child's photograph on our Internet website
a) as part of a large group or whole school activity?

Yes/No

- b) showing an individual activity? (e.g. holding a winner's trophy)

Yes / No

4. May we allow your child's photograph (e.g. as part of a school team or record of a school event) to be used for publication in an external publication e.g. a local newspaper?

Yes / No



5. May we use any photograph or video of your child internally as part of the regular curriculum and work of the school?

Yes / No

6. May we use any video containing your child to share good educational practice with teachers from other schools?

Yes / No

This form is valid from the date of signing until your child leaves the school. Photographs and videos may be securely archived after your child has left the school but will not be re-used or re-published externally without renewed consent. Archiving provides a valuable record of the school's history for future generations.

We recognise that parents, carers and family members will wish to record events such as school plays, sports days etc to celebrate their child's achievements. St Bede's RC Primary School is happy to allow this on the understanding that such images/recordings are used for purely personal family use. A full copy of the school's policy on the safe use of children's photographs may be obtained upon request to the school office.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____





Video of Children – Parental Consent Form

Your child has been selected for inclusion in a video which the following organisation wishes to take on the date(s) shown:

Organisation: _____

Date video to be taken: _____

The purpose(s) for which the video is to be taken:

This will be displayed in the following places (must clearly state "Internet address" if it is intended to publish via this medium):

If you have any queries regarding use of the video or change your mind then please contact the above organisation at the following address:

Declaration

Being the parent or person responsible, I grant permission for a video of my child to be used in printed and electronic (delete as appropriate) publicity materials generated by the organisation named above. I acknowledge that the video will only be used for the purpose(s) stated and that I have a right to change my mind.

Name of Child: _____

School: _____

School year: _____

Your Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date ___ / ___ / ___

Child's Signature: _____ Date ___ / ___ / ___
(if over 12 years)



Online Safety Audit

This self-audit should be completed by the member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) responsible for the online safety policy. Many staff could contribute to the audit including: Designated Safeguarding Lead, SENCO, Online Safety Coordinator and head teacher.

Does the school have an Online Safety Policy?	Y/N
Date of latest update (at least annual):	
The policy was agreed by Governors on:	
The policy is available for staff at:	
The policy is available for parents/carers at:	
The responsible member of the Senior Leadership Team is:	
The responsible member of the Governing Body is:	
The Designated Child Protection Coordinator in school is:	
The Online Safety Coordinator is:	
Has online safety training been provided for all pupils (age appropriate) and all members of staff?	Y/N
Is there a clear procedure for responding to an incident or concern?	Y/N
Do all staff sign a Code of Conduct or Acceptable Use Policy on appointment?	Y/N
Are all pupils aware of the online safety Code of Conduct?	Y/N
Are online safety rules displayed in all rooms where computers are used and expressed in a form that is accessible to all pupils?	Y/N
Do parents/carers sign and return an agreement that their child will comply with the School online safety rules?	Y/N
Are staff, pupils, parents/carers and visitors aware that network and Internet use is closely monitored and individual usage can be traced?	Y/N
Is personal data collected, stored and used according to the principles of the Data Protection Act?	Y/N
Is Internet access provided by an approved educational Internet service provider which complies with DfE requirements?	Y/N
Has the school-level filtering been designed to reflect educational objectives and been approved by the SLT?	Y/N
Are staff with responsibility for managing filtering, network access and monitoring adequately supervised by a member of the SLT?	Y/N



Appendix X

Legal Requirements

Many young people and indeed some staff use the Internet regularly without being aware that some of the activities they take part in are potentially illegal. The law is developing rapidly and changes occur frequently. Please note this section is designed to inform users of legal issues relevant to the use of communications, it is not professional advice.

Racial and Religious Hatred Act 2006

This Act makes it a criminal offence to threaten people because of their faith, or to stir up religious hatred by displaying, publishing or distributing written material which is threatening. Other laws already protect people from threats based on their race, nationality or ethnic background.

Criminal Justice Act 2003

Section 146 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 came into effect in April 2005, empowering courts to impose tougher sentences for offences motivated or aggravated by the victim's sexual orientation, in England and Wales.

Sexual Offences Act 2003

It is an offence to take, permit to be taken, make, possess, show, distribute or advertise indecent images of children in the United Kingdom. A child for these purposes is anyone under the age of 18. Viewing an indecent image of a child on your computer means that you have made a digital image. An image of a child also covers pseudo-photographs (digitally collated or otherwise). This can include images taken by and distributed by the child themselves (often referred to as "Sexting"). A person convicted of such an offence may face up to 10 years in prison. The offence of grooming is committed if you are over 18 and have communicated with a child under 16 at least twice (including by phone or using the Internet) it is an offence to meet them or travel to meet them anywhere in the world with the intention of committing a sexual offence. Causing a child under 16 to watch a sexual act is illegal, including looking at images such as videos, photos or webcams, for your own gratification. It is also an offence for a person in a position of trust to engage in sexual activity with any person under 18, with whom they are in a position of trust. (Typically, teachers, social workers, health professionals, connexions staff etc fall in this category of trust). Any sexual intercourse with a child under the age of 13 commits the offence of rape.

N.B. Schools should already have a copy of "Children & Families: Safer from Sexual Crime" document as part of their child protection packs.

More information about the 2003 Act can be found at www.teachernet.gov.uk

Communications Act 2003 (section 127)

Sending by means of the Internet a message or other matter that is grossly offensive or of an indecent, obscene or menacing character; or sending a false message by means of or persistently making use of the Internet for the purpose of causing annoyance, inconvenience or needless anxiety is an offence liable, on conviction, to imprisonment.

This wording is important because an offence is complete as soon as the message has been sent: there is no need to prove any intent or purpose.



Data Protection Act 1998

The Act requires anyone who handles personal information to notify the Information Commissioner's Office of the type of processing it administers, and must comply with important data protection principles when treating personal data relating to any living individual. The Act also grants individuals rights of access to their personal data, compensation and prevention of processing.

The Computer Misuse Act 1990 (sections 1 - 3)

Regardless of an individual's motivation, the Act makes it a criminal offence to:

- gain access to computer files or software without permission (for example using someone else's password to access files)
- gain unauthorised access, as above, in order to commit a further criminal act (such as fraud); or
- impair the operation of a computer or program (for example caused by viruses or denial of service attacks)

UK citizens or residents may be extradited to another country if they are suspected of committing any of the above offences.

Malicious Communications Act 1988 (section 1)

This legislation makes it a criminal offence to send an electronic message (email) that conveys indecent, grossly offensive, threatening material or information that is false; or is of an indecent or grossly offensive nature if the purpose was to cause a recipient to suffer distress or anxiety. This can include racist, xenophobic and homophobic comments, messages etc.

Copyright, Design and Patents Act 1988

Copyright is the right to prevent others from copying or using his or her "work" without permission.

The material to which copyright may attach (known in the business as "work") must be the author's own creation and the result of some skill and judgement. It comes about when an individual expresses an idea in a tangible form. Works such as text, music, sound, film and programs all qualify for copyright protection. The author of the work is usually the copyright owner, but if it was created during the course of employment it belongs to the employer.

It is an infringement of copyright to copy all or a substantial part of anyone's work without obtaining the author's permission. Usually a licence associated with the work will allow a user to copy or use it for limited purposes. It is advisable always to read the terms of a licence before you copy or use someone else's material.

It is also illegal to adapt or use software without a licence or in ways prohibited by the terms of the software licence.

Public Order Act 1986 (sections 17 - 29)

This Act makes it a criminal offence to stir up racial hatred by displaying, publishing or distributing written material which is threatening. Like the Racial and Religious Hatred Act 2006 it also makes the possession of inflammatory material, with a view of releasing it, a criminal offence.

Obscene Publications Act 1959 and 1964

Publishing an "obscene" article is a criminal offence. Publishing includes electronic transmission.

Protection from Harassment Act 1997



A person must not pursue a course of conduct, which amounts to harassment of another and which he knows or ought to know amounts to harassment of the other. A person whose course of conduct causes another to fear, on at least two occasions, that violence will be used against him is guilty of an offence if he knows or ought to know that his course of conduct will cause the other so to fear on each of those occasions.

This also includes incidents of racism, xenophobia and homophobia.

Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

The Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIP) regulates the interception of communications and makes it an offence to intercept or monitor communications without the consent of the parties involved in the communication. The RIP was enacted to comply with the Human Rights Act 1998.

The Telecommunications (Lawful Business Practice) (Interception of Communications) Regulations 2000, however, permit a degree of monitoring and record keeping, for example, to ensure communications are relevant to school activity or to investigate or detect unauthorised use of the network. Nevertheless, any monitoring is subject to informed consent, which means steps must have been taken to ensure that everyone who may use the system is informed that communications may be monitored.

Covert monitoring without informing users that surveillance is taking place risks breaching data protection and privacy legislation.

Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008

Section 63 offence to possess "extreme pornographic image"

63 (6) must be "grossly offensive, disgusting or otherwise obscene"

63 (7) this includes images of "threats to a person's life or injury to: anus, breasts or genitals, sexual acts with a corpse or animal whether alive or dead" must also be "explicit and realistic"

Penalties can be up to 3 years imprisonment.

Education and Inspections Act 2006

Education and Inspections Act 2006 outlines legal powers for schools which relate to Cyberbullying/Bullying:

- Head Teachers have the power "to such an extent as is reasonable" to regulate the conduct of pupils off site
- School staff are able to confiscate items such as mobile phones etc when they are being used to cause a disturbance in class or otherwise contravene the school behaviour/anti-bullying policy



Appendix XI

Further Information and Guidance

BBC

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/topics/stay-safe>

CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre)

www.ceop.police.uk

Childline

www.childline.org.uk

Childnet

www.childnet.com

Digital Literacy

www.novemberlearning.com

Digizen.org.uk

<http://www.digizen.org/>

Information Commissioner's Office

www.ico.gov.uk

Internet Watch Foundation

www.iwf.org.uk

Kidsmart

www.kidsmart.org.uk

Newcastle Schools IT Support Team

Help with filtering and network security

Tel: (0191) 277 7282

South West Grid for Learning

<http://www.swgfl.org.uk/OnlineSafety>

Think U Know website

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Virtual Global Taskforce — Report Abuse

www.virtualglobaltaskforce.com

