



SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

CHILD FRIENDLY ONLINE SAFETY POLICY



"Only when we work together can we make the online world a more positive space for young people." — Dame Rachel de Souza

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INTRODUCTION

At Shobnall Primary & Nursery School, we want you to feel looked after, safe and happy in school, at home and when you're online.

Online safety is a big part of keeping you safe. We have special rules, lessons and people who can help if something online worries you.

Computers, tablets and phones help us learn, play and talk to friends and family. But sometimes people can use them in ways that aren't kind or safe. That's why we'll teach you how to protect yourself online and what to do if you feel unsure, worried or upset.

FEELING SAFE AND HAPPY AT SCHOOL

This policy is to help you decide what could be a problem and where to get help and support. It is *really* important that you know who you can talk to and to understand *why* you might need to talk to someone.

We can help by:

- Teaching you what online safety means.
- Showing you what to do if you feel worried or scared.
- Making sure you know who you can talk to.

If you don't understand something, just ask. There's always someone who can help.

WHAT DOES ONLINE SAFETY MEAN?

Online safety means learning how to use the internet, games, and technology safely and kindly. It's about protecting you while you're online and helping you make good choices when you use apps, games, videos, or websites.



We'll teach you how to tell when something online might not be true or real.

Our school follows the rules in a document called 'Keeping children safe in education' to help everyone stay safe online. If you ever see, hear or read something online that upsets you or makes you feel uncomfortable, tell an adult at school or at home. We can help make it right and keep you safe.



Follow the **SMART** rules to keep safe online:

S – SAFE: Keep personal information private (like your full name, address or school).

M – MEETING: Never meet anyone you only know online.

A – ACCEPTING: Don't open messages or files from people you don't know.

R – RELIABLE: Not everything you read or see online is true.

T – TELL: Tell an adult you trust if something online worries you.

ONLINE DANGERS

The internet is full of fun things, like chatting, games, learning and videos, but there are also dangers to be aware of.



Some examples include:

- Cyberbullying, which is when people send unkind or scary messages or images.
- Strangers pretending to be someone they're not.
- Websites or videos that show things that aren't suitable for children.
- 'Viruses' that can harm computers or steal information.
- People who try to get your personal details.
- False or unkind information designed to trick or upset you (this is sometimes called 'misinformation').
- People who try to get you to do or believe something mean or unsafe (this can be part of 'radicalisation').
- Online games, chats or livestreams where others behave in ways that are not kind or safe.



Sometimes websites, games or apps use something called artificial intelligence (AI). AI can do things like chat, draw pictures or answer questions. AI can be fun and helpful, but it can also make mistakes or show you things that aren't true. Always check with an adult if something an AI shows you feels strange, unkind or confusing.

When you're online, be as kind as you would be face-to-face. Think before you post, share or comment. **Ask yourself: "Would I say this in real life?"** If the answer's **no**, don't say it online either. Being kind online helps make the internet a safe and happy place for everyone.

CYBERBULLYING

Cyberbullying includes any kind of bullying which takes place online. Cyberbullies (online bullies) send unkind messages over the internet and sometimes share private information online to hurt someone's feelings.



Cyberbullying happens when someone uses technology to be unkind. It can include:

- Sending mean, scary or upsetting messages or pictures.
- Sharing private or embarrassing photos or videos.
- Pretending to be someone else online to cause trouble.
- Posting nasty comments or rumours.

Cyberbullying is never okay. If you see it happen, or it happens to you, tell an adult you trust. Our school will deal with it quickly and help keep everyone safe.



Cyberbullying is sometimes done by a group of people 'ganging up' on someone – if you ever see someone being cyberbullied, **never** join in and **always** tell a grown-up you trust.

A **cyberbully** could be anyone, like one of your friends, a brother or sister, or even an adult. It's really important that you tell someone if you think you or someone is being a cyberbully.

SHARING PICTURES AND MESSAGES

Sometimes people online might ask you to send or look at pictures or messages that show private parts of your or somebody else's body. **This is never okay.**

It's against the law to share these kinds of pictures, even if you take them yourself.

If anyone asks you to do these things, **don't do it.** Tell an adult you trust straight away. You will never be in trouble for telling the truth or asking for help.



WHO TO TALK TO

You can talk to your parents or carers about how to stay safe online. They can help you with privacy settings, check your games, and help if you see something upsetting.

Remember, you can always walk away or close the game, app or computer programme if something online makes you feel worried, upset or confused.

DSL stands for **Designated Safeguarding Lead**. In every school there's always somebody who has special training to keep you safe. That's their job, so it's really important they know all the facts. All teachers and other staff members have to tell the DSL if they're worried about you.

In our school, the DSL is Mr Adams. If Mr Adams is poorly not in school for some reason, Mrs Johnston and Mrs Farrington can act as a DSL. Mrs Bradley is our Safeguarding Link Governor. It is the job of everyone that works at our school to keep you safe so remember you can talk to any grown up that you trust.



Mr Adams



Mrs Farrington



Mrs Johnston

Teachers and other staff members also have training on how to keep you safe. It's the most important part of their job.

If someone is cyberbullying you, saying things to you online that make you feel upset or uncomfortable, sending unkind or false messages on the internet or to your phone or asking you to do things that you're uncomfortable with, you MUST tell someone at school so we can help you.

REMEMBER, you can talk to any adult that you trust.

If you ever need extra help, you can also speak to:



LET'S MAKE OUR SCHOOL A HAPPY PLACE!

