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Online Safety Policy Summary - A Guide for parents

This guidance provides a summary of Parkside Primary School's Online Safety Policy. A full copy of the policy can be seen on the school website. Our Online Safety Policy is an integral part of our school's commitment to safeguarding our children.

Teaching and Learning

The purpose of Internet use in school is to raise educational standards and to promote pupil achievement. It is a part of the statutory curriculum and a necessary tool for staff and pupils. The school has a duty to provide students with quality IT-based technologies as part of their learning experience.

Responsible Internet Use

The school will take all reasonable precautions to ensure that users access only appropriate material. We use a number of London Grid for Learning (LGFL) provided technologies to help protect users and systems in the school.

The school Internet access is designed expressly for pupil use and includes filtering appropriate to the age of pupils.

Pupils will be taught what is acceptable and what is not acceptable and given clear objectives for online safety use. This includes specific, age-appropriate instruction preventing the creation, manipulation, or digital distribution of altered images, deepfakes, or nudes/semi-nudes via automated software tools.

If children come into contact with inappropriate material, they must inform a member of staff straight away.

Any concerns should be reported to the designated safety lead / online safety coordinator.

Children's parents will also be informed.

All staff undertake online safety training with 'The National College'.

If a child misuses the internet then sanctions are in place to address this in line with the school's behaviour policy.

All mobile devices brought into school by pupils must be handed in at reception.

All members of the school community should be aware that unlawful or unsafe behaviour is unacceptable and that, where appropriate, disciplinary or legal action will be taken.

School Website

Names will not be attached to any images of children on the school web site.

Pupil's personal information will not be shared on the school web site.

Social Networking

The school will block / filter social networking sites.

Pupils are taught about social networking, acceptable behaviours and how to report misuse, intimidation or abuse through our online safety curriculum work.

Parents

Parents should contact the school if they have any concerns about their children's use of digital technology. Parents.

The school website has links and information to support parents in managing their child's online safety.