

E-Safety Policy

The children will have access to a range of technology including, computers, iPad and smart boards. On occasions children may have access to the internet on these devices in order to access educational games. Children using the internet will be supervised at all times.

To ensure that children are safe online, management will select websites that are suitable for the children to view and will put settings on each device to stop the children viewing any pages that have not been reviewed and accepted. We will seek parent and child consultation to define which sites are safe to use.

The nursery will embed e-safety in staff training, continual professional development and across all areas of children's learning and development. This policy will be given to staff to read, sign and date to show that they understand and will adhere to the policy during their induction. If staff members become aware of any relevant information about emerging issues, then they will be encouraged to share this with others.

Staff members will be encouraged to be vigilant and to use their common sense to decide whether a website is appropriate. Examples of what is defined as inappropriate include:

- Any sites that are not suitable for the child's age
- Any site that contains swearing and foul language
- Any site that contains indecent or inappropriate images or videos
- Any site that contains fighting or abusive behaviour
- Any site that supports extremism or terrorist activity

Staff should not use the children's computers for any personal reasons and should not bring in their own electronic devices for children to use.

All computers will be password protected. All computers and related equipment will be automatically 'locked' when left unattended to prevent unauthorised access. It is the responsibility of the person who used the computer last to ensure this is done.

Computers will have anti-virus software installed and staff will be made aware that opening emails from names that aren't recognised could potentially corrupt the settings computer by transferring viruses.

The setting's e-safety policy will be reviewed and updated regularly to make sure that it is still relevant and effective. It will also be discussed at staff meetings and one to ones.



If children bring their own DVD's or games in to the setting all staff members are responsible for checking whether it is appropriate for their age. If so then staff will not allow the child(ren) to watch it.

Staff must report any indecent images or other unsuitable material that they find to the manager immediately. It is important that staff do not investigate the matter or evaluate the material, as this may lead to evidence being contaminated which may impede a police investigation.

Appropriate filters, including limiting access to social media sites must be in place for the internet used by the children. This is to protect them from potentially harmful online material and forms of online bullying whilst at nursery.

Training on e-safety is available from the Local Children's Safeguarding Board (LCSB).

Information and guidance can be found on Thinkyouknow.co.uk.