



New Marston Primary School **E safety statement**

Whilst exciting and beneficial both in and out of the context of education, much ICT, particularly web-based resources, are not consistently policed. All users need to be aware of the range of risks associated with the use of these technologies and that some have minimum age requirements, usually 13 years.

We take care to educate our students on e-safety issues; teaching them the appropriate behaviours and critical thinking skills to enable them to remain both safe and legal when using the internet and related technologies in and beyond the context of the classroom.

This statement is supported by our Acceptable Use Policies for staff, governors, visitors and students in order to protect the interests and safety of the whole school community. It has been approved by the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children's Board and is linked to the following school policies: Behaviour for Learning Policy, Anti-bullying Policy, Safeguarding Policy, and Data Protection Policy.

Key staff with oversight of e-Safety are the computing coordinator, Deputy Head Teacher and Headteacher.

Content

New Marston Primary School operates a web filtering system to reduce access to illegal, inappropriate or harmful material. This filtering is applied to all access to the Internet from school PCs, laptops, iPads and any other device using the school Wi-Fi, including personal devices. Additionally, teachers are able to allow access to specific sites to specific students for a limited amount of time when required. They are given guidance on what they should consider when allowing access to 'blocked' sites. All Internet activity is logged and monitored. The filtering system is monitored by our Designated Safeguarding Lead as part of their role and in line with KCSIE 2023 ensuring pupils can only access appropriate materials without overblocking.

Monitoring is also overseen by the DSL and the school uses *Securely* to ensure that staff are alerted if pupils search for something which may cause concern. The history of pupil searches is monitored by the senior leadership team.

Contact and Conduct

All staff are given updated training: at least once a year as part of safeguarding updates; once a year as a termly focus (information on the staff board); through RSHE training. Online safety is part of staff induction.

Issues relating to contact and conduct online are addressed through a range of activities and lessons, such as ICT lessons, RHSE lessons and assemblies.

Topics covered include:

- Digital footprints
- Social media
- Data Security
- Cyberbullying
- Grooming
- Sexting
- Identity Theft

Please see the long term RSHE map for more information.

Everybody in the school has a shared responsibility to secure any sensitive information used in their day to day professional duties and even staff not directly involved in data handling should be made aware of the risks and threats and how to minimise them.

Our Acceptable Use Policy is for all staff, governors, visitors and students and is inclusive of both fixed and mobile internet technologies provided by the school (such as PCs Laptops, mobile devices, webcams, whiteboards, digital video equipment etc) as well as technologies owned by pupils and staff but brought onto school premises (such as laptops and mobile phones)

Information for Parents

Parents are provided with education via information on the school website, class dojo messages and/or school newsletters.

Sanctions

Where necessary, inappropriate use is addressed through one of the following policies:

- ICT Acceptable Use Policy
- Behaviour and/or Anti-bullying Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Staff Code of Conduct Policy
- Home School Agreements (from July 2020)

Monitoring and Review

This statement is due for review in September 2025