



Hutton Rudby Primary School

E– Safety & Acceptable Use Policy

September 2021

E-Safety Policy –

Introduction

E-Safety encompasses Internet technologies and electronic communications such as mobile phones as well as collaboration tools and electronic publishing. It highlights the need to educate pupils about the benefits and risks of using technology and provides safeguards and awareness for users to enable them to make safe and responsible decisions in order to control their online experience.

At Hutton Rudby, we understand the importance of effective e-safety practice for both staff and pupils and the e-safety policy sets out how we ensure this is achieved.

The school's e-safety policy operates in conjunction with other policies including those for Behaviour, Anti-Bullying, Curriculum policies and Data Protection.

E-Safety in school

E-Safety depends on effective practice at a number of levels:

- Responsible use of technologies by all staff, pupils and governors; encouraged by the curriculum and made explicit through published policies.
- Sound implementation of the e-safety policy in both administration and curriculum, including secure school network design and use.
- Safe and secure broadband including the effective management of filtering systems.

1.0 School e-safety policy

1.1 Writing and reviewing the e-safety policy

The e-Safety Policy relates to other policies including those for ICT and for child protection.

- The school has appointed an e-Safety Coordinator.
- Our e-Safety Policy has been written by the school. It has been agreed by the staff and governors.
- E-Safety issues are included in the Child Protection, Data Protection, Health and Safety, Anti-Bullying, PSHE and Computing policies.
- The e-Safety Policy will be reviewed in April 2025

1.2 Teaching and learning

1.2.1 Why Internet use is important

- The Internet is an essential element in 21st century life for education, business and social interaction. The school has a duty to provide pupils with quality Internet access as part of their learning experience.
- Internet use is a part of the curriculum and a necessary tool for staff and pupils.

1.2.3 Internet use will enhance learning

- The school Internet access is designed expressly for pupil use and includes filtering appropriate to the age of the pupils.
- Pupils will be taught what Internet use is acceptable and what is not, and will be given clear objectives for Internet use, using the SMART rules (See Appendix 1).
- Internet access will be planned to enrich and extend learning activities.
- Staff will guide pupils in on-line activities that will support the learning outcomes planned for the pupils' age and maturity and educate them in the effective use of the Internet in research, including the skills of knowledge location, retrieval and evaluation.

1.2.4 Pupils will be taught how to evaluate Internet content

- If staff or pupils discover unsuitable sites, the URL (address), time, date and content must be reported to the school e-Safety Coordinator.
- Staff should ensure that the use of Internet derived materials by staff and by pupils complies with copyright law.
- Pupils should be taught to be critically aware of the materials they read and shown how to validate information before accepting its accuracy.

1.3 Managing Internet Access

1.3.1 Information system security

- The security of the school information systems will be reviewed regularly.
- Virus protection will be installed and updated regularly.
- The school uses broadband with an effective firewall and filters.

1.3.2 E-mail

- Children are not allowed access to personal e-mail accounts or chat rooms whilst in school.
- Pupils must immediately tell a teacher if they receive offensive e-mail.
- Pupils must not reveal personal details of themselves or others in e-mail communication, or arrange to meet anyone without specific permission.
- E-mail sent to an external organisation should be written carefully and authorised before sending, in the same way as a letter written on school headed paper.
- The forwarding of chain letters is not permitted.

1.3.3 Published content and the school web site

- The contact details on the Web site should be the school address, e-mail and telephone number. Staff or pupils personal information will not be published.
- The Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher will take overall editorial responsibility and ensure that content is accurate and appropriate.

1.3.4 Publishing pupil's images and work

- Photographs that include pupils will be selected carefully and will not enable individual pupils to be clearly identified.
- Pupils' names will not be used anywhere on the Web site, particularly in association with photographs.
- We use an 'opt out' system and any parents not wishing for their children or their work to be featured on our school Web site or Twitter.

1.3.5 Social networking and personal publishing

- Social networking sites and newsgroups will be blocked unless a specific use is approved.
- Pupils are taught never to give out personal details of any kind which may identify them or their location. Examples would include real name, address, mobile or landline phone numbers, school, IM address, e-mail address, names of friends, specific interests and clubs etc. (See Appendix 1 The SMART Rules)
- Pupils and parents will be advised that the use of social network spaces outside school may be inappropriate for primary aged pupils as many have age restrictions (See Appendix 5).

1.3.6 Managing filtering

- The school will work in partnership with the service provider to ensure filtering systems are as effective as possible.
- If staff or pupils discover unsuitable sites, the URL, time and date must be reported to the school E-Safety coordinator.
- Senior staff will ensure that checks are made to ensure that the filtering methods selected are appropriate, effective and reasonable.

1.3.7 Managing emerging technologies

- Emerging technologies will be examined for educational benefit and a risk assessment will be carried out before use in school is allowed.
- Mobile phones will not be used by pupils at Hutton Rudby Primary. The sending of abusive or inappropriate text messages on the way to and from school is forbidden and will be reported to parents and the Headteacher.
- Staff will not contact pupils using email (unless this has been agreed with the teacher beforehand) or phone (mobile or land line). Parents will not be contacted unless in the case of an emergency or if this is the only means possible in the event of an emergency.

1.3.8 Protecting personal data

- Personal data will be recorded, processed, transferred and made available according to the Data Protection Act 1998.
- The school is registered with the Information Commission Office and will adhere to the legal requirement for use and storage of personal/sensitive data.
- All access to personal data will be password protected.

1.4 Policy Decisions

1.4.1 Authorising Internet access

- The school will maintain a current record of all staff and pupils who are granted Internet access.
- All staff, including Teaching Assistants and Supply Teachers must read and sign the ICT Acceptable User Policy (AUP) before using any school ICT resource (See Appendix 4).
- At FS/Key Stage 1, access to the Internet will be by adult demonstration with directly supervised access to specific, approved on-line materials.
- Parents and pupils will be asked to sign and return a consent form agreeing to comply with the school's Acceptable Use Policy (See Appendix 3).

1.4.2 Assessing risks

- In common with other media such as magazines, books and video, some material available via the Internet is unsuitable for pupils. The school will take all reasonable precautions to ensure that users access only appropriate material. However, due to the international scale and linked nature of Internet content, it is not possible to guarantee that unsuitable material will never appear on a school computer. The school cannot accept liability for the material accessed, or any consequences of Internet access.
- The Headteacher will ensure that the e-Safety Policy is implemented and compliance with the policy monitored.

1.4.3 Handling e-safety complaints

- Complaints of Internet misuse involving the pupils will be dealt with by a senior member of staff. Sanctions resulting may include interviewing, counselling by class teacher/Headteacher; informing parents or carers; removal of Internet or computer access for a period of time.
- Any complaint about staff misuse must be referred to the Head teacher.
- Complaints of a child protection nature must be dealt with in accordance with school child protection procedures.

1.4.4 Community use of the Internet

- The school will be sensitive to Internet related issues experienced by pupils out of school, e.g. social networking sites, and offer appropriate advice.

1.5 Communications Policy

1.5.1 Introducing the e-safety policy to pupils

- Rules for Internet access will be posted in all networked rooms (See Appendix 5).
- Pupils will be informed that Internet use will be monitored.
- Advice on e-Safety will be introduced at an age-appropriate level to raise the awareness and importance of safe and responsible internet use (See Appendix 2).

1.5.2 Staff and the e-Safety policy

- All staff will be given the School e-Safety Policy and its importance explained.
- Staff should be aware that Internet traffic can be monitored and traced to the individual user discretion and professional conduct is essential.

1.5.3 Enlisting parents'/carers' support

- Parents' / carers' attention will be drawn to the School e-Safety Policy in newsletters and on the website.
- School, through the Headteacher or assistant head teachers, will contact parents where concerns have been raised about a pupil's access to age-inappropriate games, DVDs etc.

Be smart on the internet

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S SAFE Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.

M MEETING Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.

A ACCEPTING Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

R RELIABLE Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.

t TELL Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

You can report online abuse to the police at www.thinkuknow.co.uk

THINK U KNOW

www.kidsmart.org.uk

KidSMART Visit Childnet's Kidsmart website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also share your favourite websites and online safety tips by Joining Hands with people all around the world.

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Appendix 2:

**Hutton Rudby
Primary
Staff and
Governor**

Technology Acceptable Use Agreement / Code of Conduct

ICT (including data) and the related technologies such as e-mail, the internet and mobile devices are an expected part of our daily working life in school. This agreement is designed to ensure that all staff are aware of their professional responsibilities when using any form of ICT. All staff are expected to sign this policy and adhere at all times to its contents. Any concerns or clarification should be discussed with Jodie Short or Darren Gamble.

- I will only use the school's hardware / email / Internet / Learning Platform and any related technologies for professional purposes or for uses deemed 'reasonable' by the Head or Governing Body.
- I will comply with the ICT system security and not disclose any passwords provided to me by the school or other related authorities
- I will ensure that all electronic communications are compatible with my professional role.
- I will not contact pupils using email or phone (mobile or land line). **Parents will not be contacted by personal mobile phone unless urgent contact is required and for school business, e.g. an emergency with their child on a school trip.**
- I will not give out my own personal details, such as mobile phone number and personal e-mail address, to pupils.
- I will only use the approved, secure e-mail system for any school business.
- I will ensure that personal data is kept secure and is used appropriately, whether in school, taken off the school premises or accessed remotely. Personal or sensitive data taken off site must be encrypted.
- I will not install any hardware or software without permission.
- I will not browse, download, upload or distribute any material that could be considered offensive, illegal or discriminatory, and will ensure that my online activity, both in school and outside school, will not bring my professional role into disrepute.
- Images of pupils and or staff will only be taken, stored and used for professional purposes in line with school policy and with the consent of the parent/carer. Images will not be distributed outside the school network without the permission of the parent/carer, member of staff or Headteacher.
- I understand that all my use of the Internet and other related technologies can be monitored and logged and can be made available, on request, to the Headteacher. I will respect copyright and intellectual property rights.
- I will support and promote the school's e-Safety (including data security) policy and help pupils to be safe and responsible in their use of ICT and related technologies.
- I understand this forms part of the terms and conditions set out in my contract of employment.

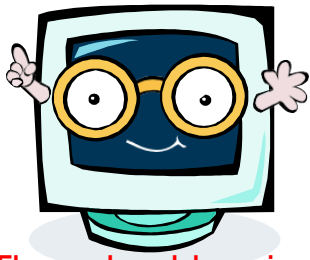
I agree to follow this code of conduct and to support the safe and secure use of ICT throughout

the school Signature Date

Full Name

.....(printed)

Appendix 5: Internet use - Rules for Responsible Internet Access



Hutton Rudby

Rules for Responsible Use of Technology

The school has installed computers and Internet access to help our learning.
These rules will keep everyone safe and help us to be fair to others.

I will only use school computers for schoolwork.

I will only use the internet when my teacher has given me permission.

I will always be polite when using the internet, VLE or email.

I will not download files or bring in disks or USB memory sticks from outside the school unless I have been given permission.

I will NEVER give out my address or telephone number to any other internet user.

I will only send email that my teacher has approved so that they can be sure I am kept safe.

If I am uncomfortable or upset by anything I discover on the internet, I will report it to an adult immediately.

I will only use search engines that my teacher has approved.

I understand that if I fail to keep these rules, I will not be allowed to use the internet in school.