



Online Safety Policy

Policy statement

Wise Owls Nursery School has a commitment to keeping children safe and healthy. The Online Safety Policy operates at all times under the umbrella of the Safeguarding Policy. The Online Safety Policy is the implementation of the Safeguarding policy in relation to electronic communications of all types.

The purpose of this policy statement is to:

- Ensure the safety and wellbeing of children is paramount when adults or children are using the internet, social media or mobile devices.
- Provide staff, students and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to online safety.
- Ensure that, as an organisation, we operate in line with our values and within the law in terms of how we use online devices.

The policy statement applies to all staff, volunteers, children, and anyone involved in Wise Owls Nursery School's activities.

Legal framework

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to protect children in England.

We believe that:

- Children should never experience abuse of any kind.
- Children should be able to use the internet for education and personal development, but safeguards need to be in place to ensure they are kept safe at all times.



We recognise that:

- The online world provides everyone with many opportunities; however, it can also present risks and challenges.
- We have a duty to ensure that all children and adults involved in our organisation are protected from potential harm online.
- We have a responsibility to help keep children safe online, whether or not they are using Wise Owls Nursery School's network and devices.
- Working in partnership with children, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting children's welfare.
- All children, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse.

We will seek to keep children safe by:

- All staff are responsible for coordinating online safety.
- Providing clear and specific directions to staff and volunteers on how to behave online through our behaviour code for adults, this is outlined in our staff handbook .
- Supporting and encouraging parents and carers to do what they can to keep their children safe online.
- Developing clear and robust procedures to enable us to respond appropriately to any incidents of inappropriate online behaviour, whether by an adult or a child.
- Reviewing and updating the security of our information systems regularly.
- Ensuring that user names, logins, email accounts and passwords are used effectively.
- Ensuring personal information about the adults and children who are involved in our organisation is held securely and shared only as appropriate.
- Ensuring that images of children and families are used only after their permission has been obtained (via Family), and only for the purpose for which consent has been given.
- Providing supervision, support and training for staff and volunteers about online safety.
- Examining and risk assessing any social media platforms and new technologies before they are used within the nursery.



Handling Complaints

Any complaints about the appropriate use of the internet or other technologies will be handled through the complaints procedure.

Online guidance and resources for parents and practitioners

<https://safeguarding.network/content/online-safety-advice-for-early-years-settings>

[Safeguarding children and protecting professionals in early years settings: online safety guidance for practitioners - GOV.UK](#)

[Pre-school \(0-5\) online safety tips and advice | Internet Matters.](#)

We encourage staff and families to utilise the following online teaching tools to support children with online safety:

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin/>

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/digiduck-stories/>

Linked policies:

Safeguarding

Mobile phone and electronic devices policy

Staff handbook

Parents in partnership

Code of conduct

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