



# Atherton Sacred Heart RC Primary School

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## Online Safety Policy pupils and parents/ carers

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### **Education – Pupils**

- A planned online safety curriculum is delivered across the whole school on a half termly basis.
- Pupils feel comfortable to share online safety issues with staff in school.
- Key online safety messages are reinforced by all staff throughout the school.
- Pupils are taught to be critically aware of the materials they access online.

### **Education – Parents**

- Parents will be kept up to date with current online safety issues through newsletters, content on the school website and high profile events such as safer internet day.
- Ensure parents feel comfortable to report any online safety issues to staff at the school – class teacher / head teacher or safeguarding officer.
- Provide a direct link to the CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Agency) website from our school website, so parents and pupils can report serious online safety issues and educate themselves further on how to keep their children safe online.

### **Filtering and Monitoring**

- All pupils are provided with a user name and password so that content can be monitored on a regular basis.
- Webpages are filtered to prevent inappropriate use of the internet.
- Staff and pupils / parents sign an Internet acceptable use policy.

### **Communications**

- Mobile phones or gaming tablets should not be brought onto the school premises by pupils unless permission is given eg. Y6 TEAM treat activity.
- School blogs are used in some classes but the posts must be approved by a teacher before appearing online.
- Any communication via social media should be done so through the schools official accounts. Teachers and teaching assistants should not be contacted through their personal social media accounts.

### **Use of digital and video images**

- Children should be educated by staff and parents on the risks of sharing images and information online.
- Staff are allowed to photograph children in school for educational uses. Parents must give consent for pupils' images to be shared on the school website and via social media.
- When permission is given parents and carers are welcome to take photographs of their children during school events but we ask that these are not shared online.