



Fledgelings Day Nursery

E-Safety For Early Years Policy

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1. Policy Overview

1.1 Purpose and Aims

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that children, staff, and parents understand how to use digital technologies safely within the early years setting. It aims to:

- Protect children from harmful online content and interactions.
- Educate staff and parents on digital safety.
- Establish clear rules for the use of ICT (Information and Communication Technology).

1.2 Scope

This policy applies to:

- All staff, volunteers, and students working within the setting.
- Children attending the setting.
- Parents and carers.
- All devices connected to the internet or used for digital communication.

1.3 Key Principles

- Children's online experiences should be safe, positive, and age-appropriate.
- Supervision is essential - young children will never access the internet unsupervised.
- Early education should include teaching basic digital skills and safety.
- Staff are responsible role models in the safe use of technology.

2. Use of Technology

2.1 Use of Technology in the Setting

- Devices (e.g. tablets, computers) will be used only under adult supervision.
- All internet content will be filtered and monitored.
- Educational apps and websites will be vetted for suitability.
- Devices used for photographs or videos will be setting-owned and not personal.

2.2 Online Content

- Only age-appropriate, educational, and approved content will be used.
- Access to websites or platforms with user-generated content (e.g. YouTube) will be restricted or used only with strict supervision.

3. Roles and Responsibilities

3.1 Staff Responsibilities

- Complete regular training in online safety.
- Report any concerns about online safety to the designated safeguarding lead (DSL).
- Follow the setting's safeguarding and acceptable use policies.
- Never share images or information about children on personal devices or social media.

3.2 Children's Use and Education

- Children will be taught about online safety through age-appropriate activities (e.g. stories, games).
- Encourage conversations about technology and feelings (e.g. what to do if something online is scary).
- Reinforce the message: "Tell a grown-up if something upsets you."

3.3 Parental Engagement

- Share e-safety guidance with parents through newsletters, meetings, and workshops.
- Encourage safe use of technology at home.
- Provide resources for managing screen time and selecting appropriate content.

4. Procedures and Review

4.1 Photos and Videos

- Parents give written consent for photographs/videos taken in the setting.
- Images are only used for educational or promotional purposes (e.g. newsletters) as agreed.
- Personal devices are never used for capturing media.

4.2 Monitoring and Review

- This policy is reviewed annually or in response to incidents or changes in legislation.
- All staff will be informed of any updates.

4.3 Related Policies

- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

5. Appendices

Appendix	Description
N/A	No appendices listed in source document.

6. Review History

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