



# Online-Safety Policy

ST DUNSTAN'S, CHEAM, C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## VISION STATEMENT


'St Dunstan's – a thriving Christian school, guided by the Good Shepherd, founded on faith, inspiring the best in everyone.'

For all members of our school family we celebrate:

- excellent achievement and progress in all that we do
- learning for life in all its fullness
- Christian values alive within our school
- being at the heart of our community

## Introduction

## Key people / dates

St Dunstan's, Cheam, Church of England Primary School  	Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) team	Ms J Corby, Mrs L Porter DDSL – Mrs D Soma, Ms T Caswell, Ms E O'Hanlon, Mrs P Bolt
	Online-safety lead (if different)	Ms J Corby, Mrs L Porter DDSL – Mrs D Soma, Ms T Caswell, Ms G E O'Hanlon, Mrs P Bolt
	Online-safety / safeguarding link governor	Mrs N Cristie/ Ms N Carne

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	Network manager / other technical support	Cygnet
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## Overview

### Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out expectations for all St Dunstan's community members' online behaviour, attitudes and activities and use of digital technology (including when devices are offline)
- Help all stakeholders to recognise that online/digital behaviour standards (including social media activity) must be upheld beyond the confines of the school gates and school day, and regardless of device or platform
- Facilitate the safe, responsible and respectful use of technology to support teaching & learning, increase attainment and prepare children and young people for the risks and opportunities of today's and tomorrow's digital world, to survive and thrive online
- Help school staff working with children to understand their roles and responsibilities to work safely and responsibly with technology and the online world:
  - for the protection and benefit of the children and young people in their care, and
  - for their own protection, minimising misplaced or malicious allegations and to better understand their own standards and practice
  - for the benefit of the school, supporting the school ethos, aims and objectives, and protecting the reputation of the school and profession
- Establish clear structures by which online misdemeanours will be treated, and procedures to follow where there are doubts or concerns (with reference to other school policies such as Behaviour Policy or Anti-Bullying Policy)

## Further Help and Support

Internal school channels should always be followed first for reporting and support, as documented in school policy documents, especially in response to incidents, which should be reported in line with our Safeguarding Policy. A member of the DSL team will handle referrals to local authority multi-agency safeguarding hubs (MASH) and normally the Headteacher or DHT in her absence, will handle referrals to the LA designated officer (LADO).

Beyond this, [reporting.lgfl.net](https://www.reportit.org.uk/) has a list of curated links to external support and helplines for both pupils and staff, including the Professionals' Online-Safety Helpline from the UK Safer Internet Centre and the NSPCC Whistleblowing Helpline, as well as hotlines for hate crime, terrorism and fraud which might be useful to share with parents, and anonymous support for children and young people.

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## Scope

This policy applies to all members of the St Dunstan's School community who have access to our digital technology, networks and systems, whether on-site or remotely, and at any time, or who use technology in their school role.

## Roles and responsibilities

This school is a community and all members have a duty to behave respectfully online and offline, to use technology for teaching and learning and to prepare for life after school, and to immediately report any concerns or inappropriate behaviour, to protect staff, pupils, families and the reputation of the school. We learn together, make honest mistakes together and support each other in a world that is online and offline at the same time.

## Headteacher – Ms J Corby

### Key responsibilities:

- Foster a culture of safeguarding where online safety is fully integrated into whole-school safeguarding
- Oversee the activities of the designated safeguarding lead team and ensure that the DSL responsibilities listed in the section below are being followed and fully supported
- Ensure that policies and procedures are followed by all staff
- Undertake training in offline and online safeguarding, in accordance with statutory guidance and relevant Local Safeguarding Partnerships
- Liaise with the designated safeguarding lead team on all online-safety issues which might arise and receive regular updates on school issues and broader policy and practice information
- Take overall responsibility for data management and information security ensuring the school's provision follows best practice in information handling; work with the DPO, DSL and governors to ensure a GDPR-compliant framework for storing data, but helping to ensure that child protection is always put first and data-protection processes support careful and legal sharing of information
- Ensure the school implements and makes effective use of appropriate ICT systems and services including school-safe filtering and monitoring, protected email systems and that all technology including cloud systems are implemented according to child-safety first principles
- Be responsible for ensuring that all staff receive suitable training to carry out their safeguarding and online safety roles

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- Understand and make all staff aware of procedures to be followed in the event of a serious online safeguarding incident
- Ensure suitable risk assessments are undertaken so the curriculum meets needs of pupils, including risk of children being radicalised
- Ensure that there is a system in place to monitor and support staff (e.g. network manager) who carry out internal technical online-safety procedures – Cygnet IT/SBM
- Ensure governors are regularly updated on the nature and effectiveness of the school's arrangements for online safety
- Ensure the school website meets statutory requirements (see appendices for website audit document)

## Designated Safeguarding Lead / Online Safety Lead – Ms J Corby, Mrs L Porter

**Key responsibilities** (all quotes below are from Keeping Children Safe in Education):

- “The designated safeguarding lead should take lead responsibility for safeguarding and child protection [including online safety]
- Work with the HT and technical staff to review remote-learning procedures, rules and safeguards.
- Ensure “An effective approach to online safety [that] empowers our school to protect and educate the whole school or college community in their use of technology and establishes mechanisms to identify, intervene in and escalate any incident where appropriate.”
- “Liaise with staff (especially pastoral support staff, school nurses, IT Technicians, and SENCOs and Senior Mental Health Leads) on matters of safety and safeguarding (including online and digital safety) and when deciding whether to make a referral by liaising with relevant agencies.”
- Liaise with the LA and work with other agencies in line with Working Together to Safeguard children
- Take day-to-day responsibility for online safety issues and be aware of the potential for serious child protection concerns
- Remind staff of safeguarding considerations as part of a review of remote learning procedures and technology, including that the same principles of online safety and behaviour apply
- Work with the Headteacher, DPO and governors to ensure a GDPR-compliant framework for storing data, but helping to ensure that child protection is always put first and data-protection processes support careful and legal sharing of information
- Stay up to date with the latest trends in online safeguarding and “undertake Prevent awareness training.” – see [safetraining.lgfl.net](https://safetraining.lgfl.net) and [prevent.lgfl.net](https://prevent.lgfl.net)

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- Review and update this policy, other online safety documents (e.g. Acceptable Use Policies) and the strategy on which they are based (in harmony with policies for behaviour, safeguarding, Prevent and others) and submit for review to the governors.
- Receive regular updates in online safety issues and legislation, be aware of local and school trends – see [safeblog.lgfl.net](http://safeblog.lgfl.net) for examples or sign up to the [LGfL safeguarding newsletter](http://LGfL safeguarding newsletter)
- Ensure that online safety education is embedded across the curriculum in line with the statutory RSHE guidance (e.g. by use of the updated UKCIS framework 'Education for a Connected World') and beyond, in wider school life
- Promote an awareness of and commitment to online safety throughout the school community, with a strong focus on parents, who are often appreciative of school support in this area, but also including hard-to-reach parents – materials at [parentsafe.lgfl.net](http://parentsafe.lgfl.net)
- Communicate regularly with SLT and the designated safeguarding and online safety governor/committee to discuss current issues (anonymised), review incident logs and filtering/change control logs and discuss how filtering and monitoring work and have been functioning/helping.
- Ensure all staff are aware of the procedures that need to be followed in the event of an online safety incident, and that these are logged in the same way as any other safeguarding incident.
- Ensure adequate provision for staff to flag issues when not in school and for pupils to disclose issues when off site, especially when in isolation/quarantine/lockdown – regular Google Meet sessions and direct chat facilities on Google Classroom.
- Oversee and discuss 'appropriate filtering and monitoring' with governors (is it physical or technical?) and ensure staff are aware If you use LGfL filtering, view the appropriate filtering statement [here](#)
- Ensure the updated [2021 DfE guidance on Sexual Violence & Sexual Harassment Between Children in Schools & Colleges](#) Guidance is followed throughout the school and that staff adopt a zero-tolerance, whole school approach to this, as well as to bullying. Ensure the 2018 DfE guidance on sexual violence and harassment is followed throughout the school and that staff adopt a zero-tolerance approach to this, as well as to bullying
- Facilitate training and advice for all staff, including supply teachers:
  - all staff must read KCSIE Part 1 and all those working with children Annex A
  - it would also be advisable for all staff to be aware of Annex C (online safety)
  - cascade knowledge of risks and opportunities throughout the organisation
  - [cpd.lgfl.net](http://cpd.lgfl.net) has helpful CPD materials including PowerPoints, videos and more

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**Governing Body, led by Online Safety / Safeguarding Link Governor – Mrs N Cristie/**

**Ms N Carne**

**Key responsibilities (quotes are taken from Keeping Children Safe in Education)**

- Approve this policy and strategy and subsequently review its effectiveness, e.g. by asking the questions in the helpful document from the UK Council for Child Internet Safety (UKCIS) [Online safety in schools and colleges: Questions from the Governing Board](#)
- “Ensure an appropriate **senior member** of staff, from the school **leadership team**, is appointed to the role of DSL [with] **lead responsibility** for safeguarding and child protection (including online safety) [with] the appropriate status and authority [and] time, funding, training, resources and support...”
- Support the school in encouraging parents and the wider community to become engaged in online safety activities
- Have regular strategic reviews with the online-safety co-ordinator / DSL and incorporate online safety into standing discussions of safeguarding at governor meetings
- Have regular reviews and open communication between the online-safety coordinator and the DSLs to ensure that the DSL’s clear overarching responsibility for online safety is not compromised
- Work with the DPO, DSL and Headteacher to ensure a GDPR-compliant framework for storing data, but helping to ensure that child protection is always put first and data-protection processes support careful and legal sharing of information
- Check all school staff have read Part 1 of KCSIE; SLT and all working directly with children have read Annex A;
- “Ensure that all staff undergo safeguarding and child protection training (including online safety) at induction. The training should be regularly updated [...] in line with advice from the local three safeguarding partners [...] integrated, aligned and considered as part of the overarching safeguarding approach.” There is further support for this at [cpd.lgfl.net](http://cpd.lgfl.net)
- “Ensure appropriate filters and appropriate monitoring systems are in place [but...] be careful that ‘overblocking’ does not lead to unreasonable restrictions as to what children can be taught with regard to online teaching and safeguarding”. LGfL’s appropriate filtering submission is [here](#)
- “Ensure that children are taught about safeguarding, including online safety [...] as part of providing a broad and balanced curriculum [...] Consider a whole school or college approach to online safety [with] a clear policy on the use of mobile technology.” NB – you may wish to refer to ‘Teaching Online Safety in Schools 2019’ and investigate/adopt the UKCIS cross-curricular framework ‘Education for a Connected World – 2020 edition’ to support a whole-school approach



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- Work with the Headteacher to ensure the school website meets statutory DfE requirements (see RAG-audit for \*MAINTAINED\*, \*FREE SCHOOL & ACADEMY\* websites are safe policies.lgfl.net.)

## All staff

### Key responsibilities:

- Understand that online safety is a core part of safeguarding; as such it is part of everyone's job – never think that someone else will pick it up
- Know who the Designated Safeguarding Lead Team (D/DSL) and Online Safety Team (O/DOSL) are (DSL Ms J Corby, Mrs L Porter. DDSL Mrs D Soma, Ms T Caswell, M E O'Hanlon, Mrs P Bolt)
- Read Part 1, Annex A and Annex C of Keeping Children Safe in Education (whilst Part 1 is statutory for all staff, Annex A for SLT and those working directly with children, it is good practice for all staff to read all three sections).
- Read and follow this policy in conjunction with the school's main safeguarding policy
- Record online-safety incidents in the same way as any safeguarding incident and report in accordance with school procedures.
- Understand that safeguarding is often referred to as a jigsaw puzzle – you may have discovered the missing piece so do not keep anything to yourself
- Sign and follow the [Staff Acceptable Use Policy \(AUP\)](#) and [Induction Handbook](#).
- Notify the DSL/OSL if policy does not reflect practice in your school and follow escalation procedures if concerns are not promptly acted upon
- Identify opportunities to thread online safety through all school activities as part of a whole school approach in line with the RSHE curriculum, both outside the classroom and within the curriculum, supporting curriculum/stage/subject leads, and making the most of unexpected learning opportunities as they arise (which have a unique value for pupils)
- Whenever overseeing the use of technology in school or for homework or remote teaching, encourage and talk about appropriate behaviour and how to get help and consider potential risks and the age-appropriateness of websites (find out what appropriate filtering and monitoring systems are in place)
- When supporting pupils remotely, be mindful of additional safeguarding considerations – refer to the [20 Safeguarding Principles for Remote Lessons](#) infographic which applies to all online learning
- Carefully supervise and guide pupils when engaged in learning activities involving online technology, supporting them with search skills, critical thinking, age appropriate materials and signposting, and legal issues such as copyright and GDPR.

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- Be aware of security best-practice at all times, including password hygiene and phishing strategies.
- Prepare and check all online source and resources before using
- Encourage pupils to follow their acceptable use policy at home as well as at school, remind them about it and enforce school sanctions.
- Notify the DSL/OSL of new trends and issues before they become a problem
- Take a zero-tolerance approach to bullying and low-level sexual harassment (your DSL will disseminate relevant information from the new DfE document on this)
- Be aware that you are often most likely to see or overhear online-safety issues (particularly relating to bullying and sexual harassment and violence) in the playground, corridors, toilets and other communal areas outside the classroom – let the DSL/OSL know
- Receive regular updates from the DSL/OSL and have a healthy curiosity for online safeguarding issues
- Model safe, responsible and professional behaviours in their own use of technology. This includes outside the school hours and site, and on social media, in all aspects upholding the reputation of the school and of the professional reputation of all staff. More guidance on this point can be found in this [Online Reputation](#) guidance for schools.

## PSHE / RSE Lead/s – Miss R Mountney and Mrs H Mollet

### Key responsibilities:

- As listed in the 'all staff' section, plus:
- Embed consent, mental wellbeing, healthy relationships and staying safe online into the PSHE / Relationships education, relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education curriculum. "This will include being taught what positive, healthy and respectful online relationships look like, the effects of their online actions on others and knowing how to recognise and display respectful behaviour online. Throughout these subjects, teachers will address online safety and appropriate behaviour in an age appropriate way that is relevant to their pupils' lives."
- This will complement the computing curriculum, which covers the principles of online safety at all key stages, with progression in the content to reflect the different and escalating risks that pupils face. This includes how to use technology safely, responsibly, respectfully and securely, and where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the internet or other online technologies.
- Work closely with the DSL/OSL and all other staff to ensure an understanding of the issues, approaches and messaging within PSHE / RSHE.
- Ensure that an PSHE/RSE policy is included on the school website.

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- Work closely with the Computing lead to avoid overlap but ensure a complementary whole-school approach, and with all other lead staff to embed the same whole-school approach

## Computing Lead – Ms T Caswell

### Key responsibilities:

- As listed in the 'all staff' section, plus:
- Oversee the delivery of the online safety element of the Computing curriculum in accordance with the national curriculum
- Work closely with the RSHE lead to avoid overlap but ensure a complementary whole-school approach
- Work closely with the DSL/OSL and all other staff to ensure an understanding of the issues, approaches and messaging within Computing
- Collaborate with technical staff and others responsible for ICT use in school to ensure a common and consistent approach, in line with acceptable-use agreements
- Monitor the use of school technology, online platforms and social media presence and that any misuse/attempted misuse is identified and reported in line with school policy

## Subject leaders

### Key responsibilities:

- As listed in the 'all staff' section, plus:
- Look for opportunities to embed online safety in your subject or aspect, especially as part of the new RSHE curriculum, and model positive attitudes and approaches to staff and pupils alike
- Consider how the UKCIS framework Education for a Connected World and Teaching Online Safety in Schools can be applied in your context
- Work closely with the DSL/OSL and all other staff to ensure an understanding of the issues, approaches and messaging within Computing
- Ensure subject specific action plans also have an online-safety element

## Network Manager/technician – Cygnet/Chris Williamson/Mrs P Major

### Key responsibilities:

- As listed in the 'all staff' section, plus:

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- Support the HT and DSL team as they review protections for **remote-learning** procedures, rules and safeguards as required
- Keep up to date with the school's online safety policy and technical information in order to effectively carry out their online safety role and to inform and update others as relevant
- Meet the RSHE lead to see how the online-safety curriculum delivered through this new subject can complement the school IT system and vice versa, and ensure no conflicts between educational messages and practice.
- Work closely with the designated safeguarding lead / online safety lead / data protection officer / LGfL nominated contact to ensure that school systems and networks reflect school policy
- Ensure the above stakeholders understand the consequences of existing services and of any changes to these systems (especially in terms of access to personal and sensitive records / data and to systems such as YouTube mode, web filtering settings, sharing permissions for files on cloud platforms etc
- Support and advise on the implementation of 'appropriate filtering and monitoring' as decided by the DSL and senior leadership team
- Maintain up-to-date documentation of the school's online security and technical procedures
- To report online-safety related issues that come to their attention in line with school policy
- Manage the school's systems, networks and devices, according to a strict password policy, with systems in place for detection of misuse and malicious attack, with adequate protection, encryption and backup for data, including disaster recovery plans, and auditable access controls
- Network managers ensure that the School takes advantage of relevant solutions which are part of the LGfL package including Sophos Anti-Virus, Malware Bytes, Egress. These solutions which are part of our package, will help protect the network and users on it

## Data Protection Officer (DPO) – Mrs C Carroll

### Key responsibilities:

- NB – this document is not for general data-protection guidance; GDPR information on the relationship between the school and LGfL can be found at [gdpr.lgfl.net](https://gdpr.lgfl.net); there is an LGfL document on the general role and responsibilities of a DPO in the 'Resources for Schools' section of that page
- Be aware that references to the relationship between data protection and safeguarding in key Department for Education documents 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' and 'Data protection: a toolkit for schools' (August 2018), especially this quote from the latter document:

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- “GDPR does not prevent, or limit, the sharing of information for the purposes of keeping children safe. Lawful and secure information sharing between schools, Children’s Social Care, and other local agencies, is essential for keeping children safe and ensuring they get the support they need. **The Data Protection Act 2018 introduced ‘safeguarding’ as a reason to be able to process sensitive, personal information, even without consent** (DPA, Part 2,18; Schedule 8, 4) When Designated Safeguarding Leads in schools are considering whether, or not, to share safeguarding information (especially with other agencies) it is considered best practice for them to record who they are sharing that information with and for what reason. If they have taken a decision not to seek consent from the data subject and/or parent/carer that should also be recorded within the safeguarding file. All relevant information can be shared without consent if to gain consent would place a child at risk. Fears about sharing information **must not be allowed** to stand in the way of promoting the welfare and protecting the safety of children.”

The same document states that the retention schedule for safeguarding records may be required to be set as ‘Very long term need (until pupil is aged 25 or older)’. However, Sutton LA require record retention until 25 for all pupil records.

- Work with the DSL, headteacher and governors to ensure frameworks are in place for the protection of data and of safeguarding information sharing as outlined above. You may be interested in the discounts for LGfL schools for three market-leading GDPR compliance solutions at [gdpr.lgfl.net](https://gdpr.lgfl.net)
- Ensure that all access to safeguarding data is limited as appropriate, and also monitored and audited

**LGfL TRUSTnet Nominated contacts – Ms J Corby/ Mrs L Porter/Mrs P Major/Mrs P Bolt**

## **Key responsibilities:**

- To ensure all LGfL services are managed on behalf of the school in line with school policies, following data handling procedures as relevant
- Work closely with the DSL and DPO to ensure they understand who the nominated contacts are and what they can do / what data access they have, as well as the implications of all existing services and changes to settings that you might request – e.g. for YouTube restricted mode, internet filtering settings, firewall port changes, pupil email settings, and sharing settings for any cloud services such as Microsoft Office 365 and Google G Suite.

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- Ensure the DPO is aware of the GDPR information on the relationship between the school and LGfL at [gdpr.lgfl.net](http://gdpr.lgfl.net)

## Volunteers and contractors (including tutor)

### Key responsibilities:

- Read, understand, sign and adhere to an acceptable use policy (AUP)
- Report any concerns, no matter how small, to the designated safety lead / online safety coordinator as named in the AUP
- Maintain an awareness of current online safety issues and guidance
- Model safe, responsible and professional behaviours in their own use of technology at school and as part of remote teaching or any online communications
- Note that as per AUP agreement a contractor will never attempt to arrange any meeting, **including tutoring session**, without the full prior knowledge and approval of the school, and will never do so directly with a pupil. The same applies to any private/direct communication with a pupil.

## Pupils

### Key responsibilities:

- Read, understand, sign and adhere to the pupil acceptable use policy and review this annually
- Treat **home learning during any isolation/quarantine or bubble/school lockdown** in the same way as regular learning in school and behave as if a teacher or parent were watching the screen
- Avoid any private communication or use of personal logins/systems to communicate with or arrange meetings with school staff or tutors
- Understand the importance of reporting abuse, misuse or access to inappropriate materials, including any concerns about a member of school staff or supply teacher or online tutor
- Know what action to take if they or someone they know feels worried or vulnerable when using online technology, at school, home or anywhere else.
- To understand the importance of adopting safe and responsible behaviours and good online safety practice when using digital technologies outside of school and realise that the school's acceptable use policies cover actions out of school, including on social media
- Remember the rules on the misuse of school technology – devices and logins used at home should be used just like if they were in full view of a teacher.

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- Understand the benefits/opportunities and risks/dangers of the online world and know who to talk to at school or outside school if there are problems

## Parents/carers

### Key responsibilities:

- Read, sign and promote the school's [ParentAUP](#) and read the appropriate Pupil Acceptable Use Policy ([KS1 AUP](#) / [KS2 AUP](#)) and encourage their children to follow itParent Acceptable Use Policy
- Consult with the school if they have any concerns about their children's and others' use of technology
- Promote positive online safety and model safe, responsible and positive behaviours in their own use of technology, including on social media: not sharing other's images or details without permission and refraining from posting negative, threatening or violent comments about others, including the school staff, volunteers, governors, contractors, pupils or other parents/carers.
- Encourage children to engage fully in home-learning during any period of isolation/quarantine or bubble/school closure and flag any concerns
- Support the child during remote learning to avoid video calls in a bedroom if possible and if not, to ensure the child is fully dressed and not in bed, with the camera pointing away from beds/bedding/personal information etc. and the background blurred or changes where possible.
- If organising private online tuition, remain in the room if possible, ensure the child knows tutors should not arrange new sessions directly with the child or attempt to communicate privately.

## External groups including parent associations – PTFA

### Key responsibilities:

- Support the school in promoting online safety and data protection
- Model safe, responsible, respectful and positive behaviours in their own use of technology, including on social media: not sharing others' images or details without permission and refraining from posting negative, threatening or violent comments about others, including the school staff, volunteers, governors, contractors, pupils or other parents/carers

## Education and curriculum

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The following subjects have the clearest online safety links (see the relevant role descriptors above for more information):

- Relationships education, relationships and sex education (RSE) and health (also known as RSHE or PSHE)
- Computing
- Citizenship

However, as stated in the role descriptors above, it is the role of all staff to identify opportunities to thread online safety through all school activities, both outside the classroom and within the curriculum, supporting curriculum/stage/subject leads, and making the most of unexpected learning opportunities as they arise (which have a unique value for pupils)

Whenever overseeing the use of technology (devices, the internet, new technology such as augmented reality, etc) in school or setting as homework tasks, all staff should encourage sensible use, monitor what pupils/students are doing and consider potential dangers and the age appropriateness of websites (ask your DSL what appropriate filtering and monitoring policies are in place).

Equally, all staff should carefully supervise and guide pupils when engaged in learning activities involving online technology (including, extra-curricular, extended school activities if relevant and remote teaching), supporting them with search skills, critical thinking (e.g. fake news), age appropriate materials and signposting, and legal issues such as copyright and data law. [saferesources.lgfl.net](https://www.saferesources.lgfl.net) has regularly updated theme-based resources, materials and signposting for teachers and parents.

At St Dunstan's we recognise that online safety and broader digital resilience must be thread throughout the curriculum and that is why we are working to adopt in the near future, the cross-curricular framework 'Education for a Connected World – 2020 edition' from UKCIS (the UK Council for Internet Safety).

Annual reviews of curriculum plans / schemes of work (including for SEND pupils) are used as an opportunity to follow this framework more closely in its key areas of Self-image and Identity, Online relationships, Online reputation, Online bullying, Managing online information, Health, Wellbeing and lifestyle, Privacy and security, and Copyright and ownership.

## Handling online-safety concerns and incidents

It is vital that all staff recognise that online-safety is a part of safeguarding (as well as being a curriculum strand of Computing, PSHE/RSHE and Citizenship.)

General concerns must be handled in the same way as any other safeguarding concern; safeguarding is often referred to as a jigsaw puzzle, so all stakeholders should err on the side of talking to the online-safety lead / designated safeguarding lead to contribute to the overall picture or highlight what might not yet be a problem.



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Support staff will often have a unique insight and opportunity to find out about issues first in the playground, corridors, toilets and other communal areas outside the classroom (particularly relating to bullying and sexual harassment and violence).

School procedures for dealing with online-safety will be mostly detailed in the following policies (primarily in the first key document):

- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Behaviour Policy (including school sanctions)
- Acceptable Use Policies
- Prevent Statement
- Data Protection Policy, agreements and other documentation (e.g. privacy statement and consent forms for data sharing, image use etc)

This school commits to take all reasonable precautions to ensure online safety, but recognises that incidents will occur both inside school and outside school (and that those from outside school will continue to impact pupils when they come into school or during extended periods away from school.) All members of the school are encouraged to report issues swiftly to allow us to deal with them quickly and sensitively through the school's escalation processes.

Any suspected online risk or infringement should be reported to the online safety lead / designated safeguarding lead on the same day – where clearly urgent, it will be made by the end of the lesson.

Any concern/allegation about staff misuse is always referred directly to the Headteacher, unless the concern is about the Headteacher in which case the complaint is referred to the Chair of Governors and the LADO (Local Authority's Designated Officer). Staff may also use the School Whistleblowing Policy and/or the NSPCC Whistleblowing Helpline.

The school will actively seek support from other agencies as needed (i.e. the local authority, LGfL, UK Safer Internet Centre's Professionals' Online Safety Helpline, NCA CEOP, Prevent Officer, Police, IWF). We will inform parents/carers of online-safety incidents involving their children, and the Police where staff or pupils engage in or are subject to behaviour which we consider is particularly disturbing or breaks the law (particular procedures are in place for sexting and upskirting; see section below).

The school should evaluate whether reporting procedures are adequate for any future closures/lockdowns/isolation etc and make alternative provisions in advance where these might be needed.

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