

# **Online Safety Policy**

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### 1. Aims

Kaleidoscope Multi-Academy Trust (KMAT) aims to:

- Have robust processes in place to ensure the online safety of pupils, staff, volunteers and governors
- Deliver an effective approach to online safety, which empowers us to protect and educate the whole school community in its use of technology
- Establish clear mechanisms to identify, intervene and escalate an incident, where appropriate

### The 4 key categories of risk

Our approach to online safety is based on addressing the following categories of risk:

- **Content** being exposed to illegal, inappropriate or harmful content, such as pornography, fake news, racism, misogyny, self-harm, suicide, antisemitism, radicalisation and extremism
- **Contact** being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users, such as peer-to-peer pressure, commercial advertising and adults posing as children or young adults with the intention to groom or exploit them for sexual, criminal, financial or other purposes
- **Conduct** personal online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes, harm, such as making, sending and receiving explicit images (e.g. consensual and non-consensual sharing of nudes and semi-nudes and/or pornography), sharing other explicit images and online bullying; and
- **Commerce** risks such as online gambling, inappropriate advertising, phishing and/or financial scams

## 2. Legislation and guidance

This policy is based on the Department for Education's (DfE) statutory safeguarding guidance, <u>Keeping</u> <u>Children Safe in Education</u>, and its advice for schools on:

- Teaching online safety in schools
- Preventing and tackling bullying and cyber-bullying: advice for headteachers and school staff
- Relationships and sex education
- Searching, screening and confiscation

It also refers to the DfE's guidance on protecting children from radicalisation.

It reflects existing legislation, including but not limited to the <u>Education Act 1996</u> (as amended), the <u>Education and Inspections Act 2006</u> and the <u>Equality Act 2010</u>. In addition, it reflects the <u>Education Act 2011</u>, which has given teachers stronger powers to tackle cyber-bullying by, if necessary, searching for and deleting inappropriate images or files on pupils' electronic devices where they believe there is a 'good reason' to do so.

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

## 3. Roles and responsibilities

#### 3.1 The Trust Board

The KMAT Trust Board ensure that this policy is reviewed annually and meets statutory requirements/best practice. It will ensure that training is in place that meets statutory requirements and best practice.

## The Local Governing Body (LGB)

The KMAT Trust Board have delegated to the LGB (in each KMAT school) the responsibility for monitoring this policy and holding the Headteacher? Executive Headteacher/Head of School to account for its implementation.

As part of their monitoring, the governor responsible for safeguarding will co-ordinate regular meetings with appropriate staff to discuss online safety, and monitor online safety logs as provided by the designated safeguarding lead (DSL).

All governors will:

- Ensure that they have read and understand this policy
- Ensure that online safety is a running and interrelated theme and part of the implementation of the MAT/school safeguarding and related policies and/or procedures
- Ensure that, where necessary, teaching about safeguarding, including online safety, is adapted for vulnerable children, victims of abuse and some pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). This is because of the importance of recognising that a 'one size fits all' approach may not be appropriate for all children in all situations, and a more personalised or contextualised approach may often be more suitable
- Agree and adhere to the terms on acceptable use of the school's ICT systems and the internet (appendix 3)

#### 3.2 The Headteacher/Executive Headteacher/Head of School

The Headteacher/Executive Headteacher/Head of School is responsible for ensuring that staff understand this policy, and that it is being implemented consistently throughout the school.

### 3.3 The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Details of KMAT school's DSL and Deputy DSLs are set out in our child protection and safeguarding policy as well as relevant job descriptions.

The DSL takes lead responsibility for online safety in school, in particular:

- Supporting the Headteacher/Executive Headteacher/Head of School in ensuring that staff understand this policy and that it is being implemented consistently throughout the school
- Working with the Headteacher/Executive Headteacher/Head of School, ICT Leader/Team and other staff, as necessary, to address any online safety issues or incidents
- Ensuring that any online safety incidents are logged (see appendix 5) and dealt with appropriately in line with this policy
- Ensuring that any incidents of cyber-bullying are logged and dealt with appropriately in line with the school behaviour policy
- Updating and delivering staff training on online safety (appendix 4 contains a self-audit for staff on online safety training needs)
- Liaising with other agencies and/or external services if necessary
- Providing regular reports on online safety in school to the headteacher and/or governing board

This list is not intended to be exhaustive.

## 3.4 The Computing Leader

The Computing Leader in conjunction with the 2IT Technician is responsible for:

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- Ensuring that the school's ICT systems are secure and protected against viruses and malware, and that such safety mechanisms are updated regularly
- Conducting a full security check and monitoring the school's ICT systems on a monthly basis
- Blocking access to potentially dangerous sites and, where possible, preventing the downloading of potentially dangerous files
- Ensuring that any online safety incidents are logged (see appendix 5) and dealt with appropriately in line with this policy
- Ensuring that any incidents of cyber-bullying are dealt with appropriately in line with the school behaviour policy

This list is not intended to be exhaustive.

#### 3.5 All staff and volunteers

All staff, including contractors and agency staff, and volunteers are responsible for:

- Maintaining an understanding of this policy
- Implementing this policy consistently
- Agreeing and adhering to the terms on acceptable use of the school's ICT systems and the internet (appendix 3), and ensuring that pupils follow the school's terms on acceptable use (appendices 1 and 2)
- Working with the DSL to ensure that any online safety incidents are logged (see appendix 5) and dealt with appropriately in line with this policy

- Ensuring that any incidents of cyber-bullying are dealt with appropriately in line with the school behaviour policy
- Responding appropriately to all reports and concerns about sexual violence and/or harassment, both online and offline and maintaining an attitude of 'it could happen here'.

This list is not intended to be exhaustive.

#### 3.6 Parents

Parents are expected to:

- Notify a member of staff or the headteacher of any concerns or queries regarding this policy
- Ensure their child has read, understood and agreed to the terms on acceptable use of the school's ICT systems and internet (appendices 1 and 2)

Parents can seek further guidance on keeping children safe online from the following organisations and websites:

- What are the issues? UK Safer Internet Centre
- Hot topics <u>Childnet International</u>
- Parent resource sheet <u>Childnet International</u>

## 3.7 Visitors and members of the community

Visitors and members of the community who use the school's ICT systems or internet will be made aware of this policy, when relevant, and expected to read and follow it. If appropriate, they will be expected to agree to the terms on acceptable use (appendix 3).

## 4. Educating pupils about online safety

Pupils will be taught about online safety as part of the curriculum:

All schools have to teach:

Relationships education and health education in primary schools

In **Key Stage 1**, pupils will be taught to:

Use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private

Identify where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the internet or other online technologies

Pupils in **Key Stage 2** will be taught to:

Use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly

Recognise acceptable and unacceptable behaviour

Identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact

By the end of primary school, pupils will know:

- That people sometimes behave differently online, including by pretending to be someone they are not
- That the same principles apply to online relationships as to face-to-face relationships, including the importance of respect for others online including when we are anonymous

- The rules and principles for keeping safe online, how to recognise risks, harmful content and contact, and how to report them
- How to critically consider their online friendships and sources of information including awareness of the risks associated with people they have never met
- How information and data is shared and used online
- What sorts of boundaries are appropriate in friendships with peers and others (including in a digital context)
- How to respond safely and appropriately to adults they may encounter (in all contexts, including online) whom they do not know

The safe use of social media and the internet will also be covered in other subjects where relevant.

Where necessary, teaching about safeguarding, including online safety, will be adapted for vulnerable children, victims of abuse and some pupils with SEND.

## 5. Educating parents about online safety

The school will raise parents' awareness of internet safety in letters or other communications home, and in information via our website or social media platforms. This policy will also be shared with parents.

Online safety may also be covered during parents' evenings.

If parents have any queries or concerns in relation to online safety, these should be raised in the first instance with their school's Headteacher/Executive Headteacher/Head of School and/or the DSL.

Concerns or queries about this policy can be raised with any member of staff or the Headteacher/Executive Headteacher/Head of School.

## 6. Cyber-bullying

#### 6.1 Definition

Cyber-bullying takes place online, such as through social networking sites, messaging apps or gaming sites. Like other forms of bullying, it is the repetitive, intentional harming of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. (See also the School Behaviour and Antibullying policies.)

### 6.2 Preventing and addressing cyber-bullying

To help prevent cyber-bullying, we will ensure that pupils understand what it is and what to do if they become aware of it happening to them or others. We will ensure that pupils know how they can report any incidents and are encouraged to do so, including where they are a witness rather than the victim.

The school will actively discuss cyber-bullying with pupils, explaining the reasons why it occurs, the forms it may take and what the consequences can be. Class teachers will discuss cyber-bullying with their tutor groups.

Teaching staff are also encouraged to find opportunities to use aspects of the curriculum to cover cyberbullying. This includes personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education, Computing lessons, assemblies and other subjects where appropriate. All KMAT schools support the national E Safety Week.

All staff, governors and volunteers (where appropriate) receive training on cyber-bullying, its impact and ways to support pupils, as part of safeguarding training (see section 11 for more detail).

The school also sends information/leaflets on cyber-bullying to parents so that they are aware of the signs, how to report it and how they can support children who may be affected.

In relation to a specific incident of cyber-bullying, the school will follow the processes set out in the school behaviour policy. Where illegal, inappropriate or harmful material has been spread among pupils, the school will use all reasonable endeavours to ensure the incident is contained.

The DSL will consider whether the incident should be reported to the police if it involves illegal material, and will work with external services if it is deemed necessary to do so.

### **6.3 Examining Electronic Devices**

The Headteacher/Executive Headteacher/Head of School, and any member of staff authorised to do so by them, can carry out a search and confiscate any electronic device that they have reasonable grounds for suspecting:

- Poses a risk to staff or pupils, and/or
- Is identified in the school rules as a banned item for which a search can be carried out, and/or
- Is evidence in relation to an offence

Before a search, if the authorised staff member is satisfied that they have reasonable grounds for suspecting any of the above, they will also:

- Make an assessment of how urgent the search is, and consider the risk to other pupils and staff. If the search is not urgent, they will seek advice from the Headteacher/Executive Headteacher/Head of School/DSL/Senior Leader
- Explain to the pupil why they are being searched, how the search will happen, and give them the opportunity to ask questions about it
- Seek the pupil's cooperation

Authorised staff members may examine, and in exceptional circumstances erase, any data or files on an electronic device that they have confiscated where they believe there is a 'good reason' to do so.

When deciding whether there is a 'good reason' to examine data or files on an electronic device, the staff member should reasonably suspect that the device has, or could be used to:

- Cause harm, and/or
- Undermine the safe environment of the school or disrupt teaching, and/or
- Commit an offence

If inappropriate material is found on the device, it is up to the staff member in conjunction with the DSL / Headteacher/Executive Headteacher/Head of School or other member of the senior leadership team to decide on a suitable response. If there are images, data or files on the device that staff reasonably suspect are likely to put a person at risk, they will first consider the appropriate safeguarding response.

When deciding if there is a good reason to erase data or files from a device, staff members will consider if the material may constitute evidence relating to a suspected offence. In these instances, they will not delete the material, and the device will be handed to the police as soon as reasonably practicable. If the material is not suspected to be evidence in relation to an offence, staff members may delete it if:

They reasonably suspect that its continued existence is likely to cause harm to any person, and/or

The pupil and/or the parent refuses to delete the material themselves

If a staff member **suspects** a device **may** contain an indecent image of a child (also known as a nude or semi-nude image), they will:

Not view the image

Confiscate the device and report the incident to the DSL (or equivalent) immediately, who will decide what to do next. The DSL will make the decision in line with the DfE's latest guidance on <u>screening</u>, <u>searching</u> and <u>confiscation</u> and the UK Council for Internet Safety (UKCIS) guidance on <u>sharing nudes and semi-nudes</u>: advice for education settings working with children and young people

Any searching of pupils will be carried out in line with:

The DfE's latest guidance on searching, screening and confiscation

UKCIS guidance on sharing nudes and semi-nudes: advice for education settings working with children and young people

Any complaints about searching for or deleting inappropriate images or files on pupils' electronic devices will be dealt with through the kaleidoscope Complaints Procedure.

## 7. Acceptable use of the internet in school

All pupils, parents, staff, volunteers and governors are expected to sign an agreement regarding the acceptable use of the school's ICT systems and the internet (appendices 1-3). Visitors will be expected to read and agree to the school's terms on acceptable use if relevant.

Use of the school's internet must be for educational purposes only, or for the purpose of fulfilling the duties of an individual's role.

We will monitor the websites visited by pupils, staff, volunteers, governors and visitors (where relevant) to ensure they comply with the above.

More information is set out in the acceptable use agreements in appendices 1, 2 and 3.

## 8. Pupils using mobile devices in school

Our policy is that children must not bring mobile phones into school. However, there may be exceptional circumstances where they are given permission to do so e.g. they are in Year 6 and have a long journey home without a parent/carer present. If a parent/carer feel that there are exceptional circumstances which mean their child needs to bring a mobile phone into school, then they should complete and application form requesting permission (see Appendices). The Headteacher/Executive Headteacher/Head of School will consider the request and give or refuse permission. If permission if granted, then the child must give their phone into the office at the start of the day and collect it at the end of the day. The application form contains clear conditions for this arrangement. If these are not met then permission will be withdrawn. These conditions have been set for safeguarding reasons.

## 9. Staff using work devices outside school

All staff members will take appropriate steps to ensure their devices remain secure. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Keeping the device password-protected strong passwords are at least 8 characters, with a combination of upper and lower-case letters, numbers and special characters (e.g. asterisk or currency symbol)
- Ensuring that files are stored on an encrypted removable drive or on the VPN this means if the device is lost or stolen, no one can access the files stored on the hard drive by attaching it to a new device
- Making sure the device locks if left inactive for a period of time
- Not sharing the device among family or friends
- Installing anti-virus and anti-spyware software
- Keeping operating systems up to date always install the latest updates

Staff members must not use the device in any way which would violate the school's terms of acceptable use, as set out in appendix 3.

Work devices must be used solely for work activities.

Work devices can only be used by the employee and not by family members.

Staff must store equipment safely e.g. not leaving in a vehicle unattended.

Staff must not download their own apps or software onto a school device.

If staff have any concerns over the security of their device, they must seek advice from their Headteacher or 2IT Technician.

## 10. How the school will respond to issues of misuse

Where a pupil misuses the school's ICT systems or internet, we will follow the procedures set out in our policies on behaviour and ICT and internet acceptable use. The action taken will depend on the individual circumstances, nature and seriousness of the specific incident, and will be proportionate.

Where a staff member misuses the school's ICT systems or the internet, or misuses a personal device where the action constitutes misconduct, the matter will be dealt with in accordance with the staff disciplinary procedures/staff code of conduct. The action taken will depend on the individual circumstances, nature and seriousness of the specific incident.

The school will consider whether incidents which involve illegal activity or content, or otherwise serious incidents, should be reported to the police.

## 11. Training

All new staff members will receive training, as part of their induction, on safe internet use and online safeguarding issues including cyber-bullying and the risks of online radicalisation. They will also receive training about cyber security and data protection.

All staff members will receive refresher training at least once each academic year as part of safeguarding training, as well as relevant updates as required (for example through emails, e-bulletins and staff meetings, National College).

By way of this training, all staff will be made aware that:

Technology is a significant component in many safeguarding and wellbeing issues, and that children are at risk of online abuse

Children can abuse their peers online through:

- Abusive, harassing, and misogynistic messages
- Non-consensual sharing of indecent nude and semi-nude images and/or videos, especially around chat group
- Sharing of abusive images and pornography, to those who don't want to receive such content
- Physical abuse, sexual violence and initiation/hazing type violence can all contain an online element

Training will also help staff:

- Develop better awareness to assist in spotting the signs and symptoms of online abuse
- Develop the ability to ensure pupils can recognise dangers and risks in online activity and can weigh up the risks
- Develop the ability to influence pupils to make the healthiest long-term choices and keep them safe from harm in the short term

The DSL will undertake child protection and safeguarding training, which will include online safety, at least every 2 years. They will also update their knowledge and skills on the subject of online safety at regular intervals, and at least annually.

Trustees and Governors will receive training on safe internet use and online safeguarding issues as part of their safeguarding training.

Volunteers will receive appropriate training and updates, if applicable.

More information about safeguarding training is set out in our child protection and safeguarding policy.

## 12. Monitoring arrangements

The DSL logs behaviour and safeguarding issues related to online safety on the Safeguard system.

This policy will be reviewed every 3 years by the Trust Board. At every review, the policy will be shared with the governing board at each KMAT school.

## 13. Links with other policies

This online safety policy is linked to our:

- KMAT Safeguarding Policy
- KMAT Behaviour policy
- KMAT Anti-bullying Policy
- KMAT Staff Disciplinary Procedures
- KMAT Staff Code of Conduct
- KMAT Data protection policy and privacy notices
- KMAT Complaints procedure
- KMAT Cyber Protection Plan
- KMAT AI Policy and Risk Assessments
- KMAT Technical Security Policy
- School level PHSE Policy

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# Appendix 1: EYFS and KS1 Acceptable Use Agreement (Pupils and Parents/Carers)

## ACCEPTABLE USE OF THE SCHOOL'S ICT SYSTEMS AND INTERNET: AGREEMENT FOR PUPILS AND PARENTS/CARERS

### Name of pupil:

#### When I use the school's ICT systems (like computers) and get onto the internet in school I will:

- Ask a teacher or adult if I can do so before using them
- Only use websites that a teacher or adult has told me or allowed me to use
- Tell my teacher immediately if:
- I click on a website by mistake
- I receive messages from people I don't know
- I find anything that may upset or harm me or my friends
- Use school computers for school work only
- I will be kind to others and not upset or be rude to them
- Look after the school ICT equipment and tell a teacher straight away if something is broken or not working properly
- Only use the username and password I have been given
- Try my hardest to remember my username and password
- Never share my password with anyone, including my friends.
- Never give my personal information (my name, address or telephone numbers) to anyone without the permission of my teacher or parent/carer
- Save my work on the school network
- Check with my teacher before I print anything
- Log off or shut down a computer when I have finished using it

I agree that the school will monitor the websites I visit and that there will be consequences if I don't follow the rules.

Signed (pupil):	Date:
Parent/carer agreement: I agree that my child can us appropriately supervised by a member of school staff. using the school's ICT systems and internet, and for u make sure my child understands these.	I agree to the conditions set out above for pupils
Signed (parent/carer):	Date:

## **Appendix 2: KS2 Acceptable Use Agreement (Pupils and Parents/Carers)**

## ACCEPTABLE USE OF THE SCHOOL'S ICT SYSTEMS AND INTERNET: AGREEMENT FOR PUPILS AND PARENTS/CARERS

#### Name of pupil:

# I will read and follow the rules in the acceptable use agreement policy When I use the school's ICT systems (like computers) and get onto the internet in school I will:

- Always use the school's ICT systems and the internet responsibly and for educational purposes only
- Only use them when a teacher is present, or with a teacher's permission
- Keep my username and passwords safe and not share these with others
- Keep my private information safe at all times and not give my name, address or telephone number to anyone without the permission of my teacher or parent/carer
- Tell a teacher (or sensible adult) immediately if I find any material which might upset, distress or harm me or others
- Always log off or shut down a computer when I'm finished working on it

#### I will not:

- Access any inappropriate websites including: social networking sites, chat rooms and gaming sites
- Open any attachments in emails, or follow any links in emails, without first checking with a teacher
- Use any inappropriate or unkind language when communicating online, including in emails
- Share information about myself/others (including pictures) with others online.
- Log in to the school's network using someone else's details
- Arrange to meet anyone offline without first consulting my parent/carer, or without adult supervision

#### If I bring a personal mobile phone or other personal electronic device into school:

- I will not use it when in school the school building or grounds.
- I will hand it in to the school office during the day.
- I will use it responsibly.
- I will have applied for permission to bring my device into school using the school form.

I agree that the school will monitor the websites I visit and that there will be consequences if I don't follow the rules.

Signed (pupil):	Date:
Parent/carer's agreement: I agree that my child can appropriately supervised by a member of school staff. using the school's ICT systems and internet, and for u make sure my child understands these.	I agree to the conditions set out above for pupils
Signed (parent/carer):	Date:

# **Appendix 3: Acceptable use Agreement (Staff, Trustees, Governors, Volunteers and Visitors)**

ACCEPTABLE USE OF THE SCHOOL'S ICT SYSTEMS AND INTERNET: AGREEMENT FOR STAFF, TRUSTEES, GOVERNORS, VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS

Name of staff member/trustee/governor/volunteer/visitor:

When using the school's ICT systems and accessing the internet in school, or outside school on a work device (if applicable), I will not:

- Access, or attempt to access inappropriate material, including but not limited to material of a violent, criminal or pornographic nature (or create, share, link to or send such material)
- Use them in any way which could harm the school's reputation
- Access social networking sites or chat rooms not authorised by school
- Use any improper language when communicating online, including in emails or other messaging services
- Install any unauthorised software, or connect unauthorised hardware or devices to the school's network
- Share my password with others or log in to the school's network using someone else's details
- Take photographs of pupils without checking with leaders first
- Store sensitive information anywhere other that the schools secure cloud storage or encrypted USB
- Share confidential information about the school, its pupils or staff, or other members of the community
- Access, modify or share data I'm not authorised to access, modify or share
- Promote private businesses, unless that business is directly related to the school

I will only use the school's ICT systems and access the internet in school, or outside school on a work device, for educational purposes or for the purpose of fulfilling the duties of my role.

I agree that the school will monitor the websites I visit and my use of the school's ICT facilities and systems. I will ensure that my computer is locked or shutdown, when I am away from it.

I will take all reasonable steps to ensure that work devices are secure and password-protected when using them outside school, and keep all data securely stored in accordance with this policy and the school's Data Protection and Cyber Security Policies.

I will not let other family members or friends use school equipment.

If taken offsite, I will ensure that school ICT equipment is stored securely e.g. not left in a vehicle unattended.

I will let the designated safeguarding lead (DSL) and ICT manager know if a pupil informs me they have found any material which might upset, distress or harm them or others, and will also do so if I encounter any such material.

I will always use the school's ICT systems and internet responsibly, and ensure that pupils in my care do so too.

Signed (staff member/trustee/governor/volunteer/visitor):	Date:

## **Appendix 4: Online Safety Training Needs – Self Audit for Staff**

ONLINE SAFETY TRAINING NEEDS AUDIT	
Name of staff member/volunteer:	Date:
Question	Yes/No (add comments if necessary)
Do you know the name of the person who has lead responsibility for online safety in school?	
Do you know what you must do if a pupil approaches you with a concern or issue? Do you now the school procedures to follow?	
Are you familiar with the school's Acceptable Use Agreement for staff, trustees, volunteers, governors and visitors?	
Are you familiar with the school's Acceptable Use Agreement for pupils and parents?	
Do you have a secure password which is different for different systems and is not shared with others?	
Are you familiar with the school's approach to tackling cyber-bullying?	
Are you are aware that sensitive information must be securely stored on the schools secure cloud or encrypted USB drive?	
Do you know how to reduce the risk of cyber security breaches, phishing and hacking?	
Are there any areas of online safety in which you would like training/further training?	



## **Online Safety Incident Record**

School					
Name of Pupil/s affected?			Class		
Date/time of incident					
Incident in school ?		Incide	nt outside of schoo	ol?	
Description of incident					
Website address					
Incident reported by			Date Reported to DSL		
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Actions (e.g. contacting Internet Provider, 2IT to block website, any support for the child if needed).	
Date Parent/s contacted and comments	
Outcome:  Report to LADO? Inform staff? Child sanction, Police involvement. Further education needed in school.	