



e-safety

“The internet and e-mail are powerful tools to open up new opportunities for people of all ages. The Government wants everyone to have access to the wealth of cultural, scientific and intellectual material to be found on the internet. But we are equally determined to ensure that pupils are protected from unsuitable material and that they can access appropriate material safely.”

Michael Wills - Minister for Learning and Technology – 2001

The Internet is an essential resource to support teaching and learning. In delivering the curriculum, teachers need to plan to integrate the use of communications technology such as web-based resources, e-mail and mobile learning, such as phones and touch screen tablet devices. Computer skills are vital to access life-long learning and employment; indeed being ICT literate is essential for our children, who are growing up in an ever changing world. At Smith’s Wood Primary Academy we are committed to helping young people learn to become e-safe. This policy is designed to ensure safe internet use by pupils in school, but also while on-line in the wider world. It seeks to address the issues around using technologies safely and promote an awareness of the benefits and the risks.

At Smith’s Wood Primary, we take e-safety very seriously. Within school, our internet access is filtered to minimise possible access to inappropriate webpages, and activity on our school network is monitored to prevent the misuse of it. Any incidents that occur are reported to the ICT coordinator, recorded in an e-safety folder and are suitably followed up.

E-safety forms an important part of the computing curriculum and is taught both in isolation and within other computing elements.

Access to computers in the school requires a username and password. These are unique to children within our school, from Year 1 upwards, and children are taught the importance of keeping these safe and of only logging on using their own details. The iPad project in Year 2 and Year 3 has proven highly beneficial to the teaching of e-safety. Children are experiencing first-hand how to stay safe on their own personal device which travels between home and school.

All staff are made familiar with the main areas of e-safety in school:

- Safe use of e-mail
- Safe use of Internet including use of internet-based communication services, such as instant messaging and social network
- Safe use of school network, equipment and data
- Safe use of digital images and digital technologies, such as digital cameras
- Publication of pupil information/photographs and use of the website
- eBullying / Cyberbullying procedures
- A teacher’s role in providing e-Safety education for pupils