



Online Safety Policy

Pembridge Hall School

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Vision

Pembridge Hall places our girls at the heart of everything. By combining traditional values with an innovative education, girls are prepared for life in an ever-evolving world through an ambitious and aspirational prep school experience. Placing emphasis on each girl as an individual, we recognise that happiness, a love of learning and emotional well-being are intrinsic to academic performance. Pembridge Hall girls are nurtured, challenged and empowered to succeed.

Aims & Values

At Pembridge Hall we aim for all Pembridge girls to:

BE INDIVIDUAL - Pembridge girls are encouraged to strive to achieve their personal best whilst developing their unique character. They are seen as individuals and their interests and talents are nurtured. The girls are encouraged to be articulate and confident, whilst understanding the importance of humility.

BE KIND - Pembridge girls develop the skills to work collaboratively with one another, using their emotional intelligence and a toolkit of strategies to support both themselves and others. The girls are encouraged to develop a sense of self-understanding and empathy for others.

BE CURIOUS - Pembridge girls are stimulated to be intellectually curious, ask questions, and develop a love of learning. They are given a breadth of experience and are encouraged to aim high in all they do.

BE ASPIRATIONAL - Pembridge girls are taught to understand the importance of making mistakes and are encouraged to step out of their comfort zone in their learning. A progressive curriculum embeds a culture of striving for excellence and families are supported to be aspirational in their senior school choices.

BE RESILIENT - girls are given numerous opportunities to reflect on their learning and develop strategies to manage their wellbeing. Girls develop a growth mindset, enjoy challenge and take risks.

BE RESPONSIBLE - Pembridge girls gain an appreciation of wider society and the diversity of nationalities, faiths, beliefs and languages represented by Pembridge Hall families. Girls develop a sense of responsibility to help others, through charitable work and community outreach.





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1 Aims

- 1.1 This is the online safety policy of Pembridge Hall School
- 1.2 The aim of this policy is to promote and safeguard the welfare of all pupils through the implementation of an effective online safety strategy which:
 - 1.2.1 protects the whole School community from illegal, inappropriate and harmful content or contact;
 - 1.2.2 educates the whole School community about their access to and use of technology;
 - 1.2.3 establishes effective mechanisms to identify, intervene and escalate incidents where appropriate; and
 - 1.2.4 promotes a whole school culture of safety, equality and protection.
- 1.3 This policy forms part of a whole school approach to promoting child safeguarding and wellbeing, which seeks to ensure that the best interests of pupils underpins and is at the heart of all decisions, systems, processes and policies.
- 1.4 Online safety is a running and interrelated theme throughout many of the School's policies and procedures (including its child protection and safeguarding policy and procedures) and careful consideration has been given to ensure that it is also reflected in the School's curriculum, teacher training and any parental engagement, as well as the role and responsibility of the School's Designated Safeguarding Lead.

2 Scope and application

- 2.1 This policy applies to the Whole School.
- 2.2 This policy applies to all members of the School community, including staff and volunteers, pupils, parents and visitors, who have access to the School's technology whether on or off School premises, or otherwise use technology in a way which affects the welfare of other pupils or any member of the School community or where the culture or reputation of the School is put at risk.

3 Regulatory framework

- 3.1 This policy has been prepared to meet the School's responsibilities under:
 - 3.1.1 Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014;
 - 3.1.2 Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (DfE, September 2021);
 - 3.1.3 Education and Skills Act 2008;
 - 3.1.4 Children Act 1989;
 - 3.1.5 Childcare Act 2006;
 - 3.1.6 Data Protection Act 2018 and UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR); and
 - 3.1.7 Equality Act 2010.

- 3.2 This policy has regard to the following guidance and advice:
 - 3.2.1 Keeping children safe in education (DfE, Effective 1 September 2024) (KCSIE);
 - 3.2.2 Preventing and tackling bullying (DfE, July 2017);
 - 3.2.3 <u>Sharing nudes and semi-nudes: how to respond to an incident (overview)</u> (DfDCMS and UKCIS, December 2020);
 - Sharing nudes and semi-nudes: advice for education settings working with children and young people GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) (DfDCMS and UKCIS, December 2020);
 - 3.2.4 Revised Prevent duty guidance: for England and Wales (Home Office, April 2021);
 - 3.2.5 <u>Channel duty guidance: protecting vulnerable people from being drawn into terrorism</u> (Home Office, February 2021);
 - 3.2.6 <u>Sexual violence and sexual harassment between children in schools and colleges</u> (DfE, September 2021);
 - 3.2.7 <u>Searching, screening and confiscation: advice for schools</u> (DfE, July 2022);
 - 3.2.8 <u>Safeguarding children and protecting professionals in early years settings: online safety considerations</u> (UK Council for Internet Safety, February 2019);
 - 3.2.9 Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education guidance (DfE, September 2021);
 - 3.2.10 Teaching online safety in schools (DfE, January 2023);
 - 3.2.11 Harmful online challenges and online hoaxes (DfE, February 2021);
 - 3.2.12 Online safety guidance if you own or manage an online platform (DfDCMS, June 2021);
 - 3.2.13 A business guide for protecting children on your online platform (DfDCMS, June 2021);
 - 3.2.14 Online safety audit tool (UKCIS, October 2022).
 - 3.2.15 Mobile phones in school: guidance (DofE February 2024)
- 3.3 The following School policies, procedures and resource materials are relevant to this policy:
 - 3.3.1 Acceptable use policy for pupils;
 - 3.3.2 Staff IT acceptable use policy and social media policies;
 - 3.3.3 child protection and safeguarding policy and procedures, including guidance on peer on peer abuse;
 - 3.3.4 anti-bullying policy;
 - 3.3.5 behaviour policy;
 - 3.3.6 risk assessment policy;

- 3.3.7 staff code of conduct and whistleblowing policies;
- 3.3.8 data protection policy;
- 3.3.9 use of mobile phones and electronic devices;
- 3.3.10 PSHEE and RSE policy

4 Publication and availability

4.1 This policy is published on the School website.

5 **Definitions**

5.1 In considering the scope of the School's online safety strategy, the School will take a wide and purposive approach to considering what falls within the meaning of technology, networks and devices used for viewing or exchanging information (collectively referred to in this policy as **technology**).

6 Responsibility statement and allocation of tasks

- 6.1 Inspired Education Group has overall responsibility for all matters which are the subject of this policy. It ensures that all those with leadership and management responsibilities at the School actively promote the well-being of pupils.
- 6.2 The Designated Safeguarding Lead (**DSL**; see cover page for contact details) has primary responsibility for the implementation and maintenance of this policy at school level. The policy is updated as required and formally reviewed on an annual basis.
- Online safety incidents are reviewed as part of an ongoing cycle of governance visits, and as part of an annual safeguarding review conducted by the Nominated Safeguarding Governor and DSL. Governors regularly review the effectiveness of school filters and monitoring systems in governance visits. Staff online safety and safeguarding and child protection training ensures they have an understanding of the expectations, roles and responsibilities around the setting's filtering and monitoring system. The Governors have reviewed the DFE's Filtering and Monitoring Standards and have discussed its content with the IT department to ensure standards are met. The Governors also consider the age, number of pupils and those who are potentially at a greater risk of harm, when limiting children and young people's exposure to risk.
- 6.4 Taking into account the multi-dimensional aspects of online safety, specific responsibilities are assigned to specific individuals based on their skills and experience, as set out below:

| Aspect of online safety | Designated person ¹ |
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| Head of Digital Learning | Seema Manji |
| On-site Engineer ² | Dave Winn |

¹ A person may cover more than one aspect if they have the appropriate experience and skills-set.

² The on-site engineer must sign the annual affirmation statement as required by the Code of Ethical & Professional Conduct (available on the Portal).

| Curriculum – ICT/Computing | Seema Manji |
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| Curriculum - PSHEE | Nicola Wright |
| Staff Training & CPD | Nicola Mooney |
| Development of Parental Awareness | Nicola Wright |

7 Role of staff and parents

7.1 Head and Senior Leadership Team

- 7.1.1 The Head has overall executive responsibility for the safety and welfare of members of the School community.
- 7.1.2 The DSL is the senior member of staff from the School's leadership team with lead responsibility for safeguarding and child protection, including online safety. The responsibility of the DSL includes managing safeguarding incidents involving the use of technology in the same way as other safeguarding matters, in accordance with the School's child protection and safeguarding policy and procedures.
- 7.1.3 The DSL will work with the School's On-Site Engineer and ICT Coordinator (see below) in monitoring technology uses and practices across the School and assessing whether any improvements can be made to ensure the online safety and well-being of pupils.
- 7.1.4 The DSL will monitor the School's online safety incident log.
- 7.1.5 The DSL, who leads on online safety and has a lead responsibility in understanding the filtering and monitoring systems (which is explicit in the job description), will regularly run reports using the filtering software to identify risk alerts and concerns.
- 7.1.6 The DSL will regularly update other members of the School's Senior Leadership Team on the operation of the School's safeguarding arrangements, including online safety practices.

7.2 Inspired Director of IT and IT Team

- 7.2.1 Inspired IT, together with his team of On-Site Engineers, is responsible for the effective operation of the School's filtering system so that pupils and staff are unable to access any material that poses a safeguarding risk, including terrorist and extremist material, while using the School's network. This includes responsibility for ensuring that:
 - (a) the School's technology infrastructure is secure and, so far as is possible, is not open to misuse or malicious attack;
 - (b) the user may only use the School's technology if they are properly authenticated and authorised;

- (c) the School has an effective filtering policy in place and that it is applied and updated on a regular basis;
- (d) the risks of pupils and staff circumventing the safeguards put in place by the School are minimised;
- (e) the use of the School's technology is regularly monitored to ensure compliance with this policy and that any misuse or attempted misuse can be identified and reported to the appropriate person for investigation; and
- (f) monitoring software and systems are kept up to date to allow the ICT team to monitor the use of email and the internet over the School's network and maintain logs of such usage.
- 7.2.2 Whilst the above responsibilities sit with the Inspired IT and are administered by the School's On-Site Engineer, it is essential that a member of staff is nominated as ICT Coordinator and is assigned responsibility for monitoring the effective delivery of technology services on behalf of all school users, and for reporting problems where necessary. The ICT Co-ordinator may also be responsible for the ICT curriculum, but it is important that these two responsibilities are clearly understood as separate functions.
- 7.2.3 The ICT Coordinator will report regularly to the Senior Leadership Team on the operation of the School's technology. If the ICT Coordinator has concerns about the functionality, effectiveness, suitability or use of technology within the School, including of the monitoring and filtering systems in place, they will escalate those concerns promptly to the DSL and Inspired Group's Head Office IT team.
- 7.2.4 The ICT Coordinator is responsible for bringing any matters of safeguarding concern to the attention of the DSL in accordance with the School's child protection and safeguarding policy and procedures.

7.3 All staff

- 7.3.1 All staff have a responsibility to act as good role models in their use of technology and to share their knowledge of the School's policies and of safe practice with the pupils.
- 7.3.2 Staff are expected to adhere, so far as applicable, to each of the policies referenced in this policy.
- 7.3.3 All staff are aware that technology can play a significant part in many safeguarding and wellbeing issues and that pupils are at risk of abuse online as well as face-to-face, inside and outside of school. Staff are also aware that, sometimes, such abuse will take place concurrently online and during a pupil's daily life. All staff understand the risk of harm and indicators of abuse and neglect.

All staff are aware that children can abuse other children at any age (child-on-child abuse) and this can happen both inside and outside of school and online. Staff are expected to be alert to this possibility online (technology is a significant component in safeguarding and well-being issues) and are aware of the policies and procedures in place and the role they hold in preventing and responding to a child who is believed to be at risk. Examples of such abuse can include:

- (a) the sending of abusive, harassing and misogynistic messages;
- the consensual and non-consensual sharing of indecent images and videos (especially around group chats), which is sometimes known as sexting or youth produced sexual imagery;
- (c) the sharing of abusive images and pornography to those who do not wish to receive such content;
- (d) cyberbullying.
- 7.3.4 Staff are also aware that many other forms of abuse may include an online element. For instance, there may be an online element which:
 - (a) facilitates, threatens and/or encourages physical abuse;
 - (b) facilitates, threatens and/or encourages sexual abuse/violence and sexual harassment;
 - (c) is used as part of initiation/hazing type violence and rituals; or
 - (d) Abuse (including sexual) can also be wholly online and/or technology facilitates offline abuse.
- 7.3.5 It is important that staff recognise the indicators and signs of child-on-child abuse, including where such abuse takes place online, and that they know how to identify it and respond to reports. Staff must also understand that, even if there are no reports of child-on-child abuse at the School, whether online or otherwise, it does not mean that it is not happening; it may simply be the case that it is not being reported.
- 7.3.6 It is important that staff challenge inappropriate behaviours between peers and do not downplay certain behaviours, including sexual violence and sexual harassment, as "just banter", "just having a laugh", "part of growing up" or "boys being boys" as doing so can result in a culture of unacceptable behaviours, an unsafe environment for children and, in a worst case scenario, a culture that normalises abuse. The School has a zero tolerance approach towards child-on-child abuse (including in relation to sexual violence and sexual harassment) and such behaviour is never acceptable and will not be tolerated. The School will treat any such incidences as a breach of discipline and will deal with them under the School's behaviour and discipline policy and also as a safeguarding matter under the School's child protection and safeguarding policy and procedures.
- 7.3.7 Staff are aware of and have an understanding of the systems in place and know how to escalate concerns. They have a responsibility to report any concerns about a pupil's welfare and safety in accordance with this policy and the School's child protection and safeguarding policy and procedures. If staff have any concerns regarding child-on-child abuse or if they are unsure as to how to proceed in relation to a particular incident, they should always speak to the DSL in all cases (see contact details on cover page).
- 7.3.8 Staff authorised by the Head have the right to search for, examine and confiscate any device where they reasonably suspect that the data or file on the device in question has been, or could be, used to cause harm, to disrupt teaching or break the school rules. This will be done in accordance with the Department for Education's

guidance: Searching, screening and confiscation (2018). Inappropriate usage will be dealt with consistent with the School's policy on behaviour and discipline. Following an examination of an electronic device, the member of staff has the right to erase any data or files, if they think there is a good reason to do so. However, care should be taken not to delete material that might be required in a potential criminal investigation. If a member of staff has reasonable grounds to suspect that a device contains evidence in relation to an offence, they must alert [Oinsert relevant staff member e.g. Head] and, where there are safeguarding concerns, the DSL. In relevant cases the head / DSL should follow the guidance: Sharing nudes and semi-nudes: how to respond to an incident (overview) (DfDCMS and UKCIS, December 2020); and in other cases which may constitute a crime, the head / DSL should take advice from the police regarding seizure, handing to the police / storage and / or deletion of any content.

7.3.9 A conviction of a child, parent or family member has the possibility to generate interest among students in school (even with legal anonymity reporting restrictions). It is important that the victim and perpetrator(s) are protected by the school, especially from harassment or bullying (online included). Social media is likely to play a key role following an incident/alleged incident. The victim and alleged perpetrator(s) can be in contact, as well as friends from both sides who could harass the students online and/or become victims of harassment themselves.

7.4 Parents

- 7.4.1 The role of parents in ensuring that pupils understand how to stay safe when using technology is crucial. The School expects parents to promote safe practice when using technology and to:
 - (a) support the School in the implementation of this policy and report any concerns in line with the School's policies and procedures;
 - (b) talk to their child to understand the ways in which they are using the internet, social media and their mobile devices and promote responsible behaviour; and
 - (c) encourage their child to speak to someone if they are being bullied or otherwise are concerned about their own safety or that of another pupil or need support.
 - (d) Understand how access to 4/5G or VPNs can be used to circumvent filtering and monitoring systems, both at home and at school and enable access to concerning / illegal material on-line.
- 7.4.2 If parents have any concerns or require any information about online safety, they should contact the DSL Nicola Wright.

8 Technological controls

8.1 We maintain specific controls which enable us to establish a secure data and communications environment and to monitor children's digital activity within the boundaries of the School.

- 8.2 Children to whom we provide bespoke³ access to ICT resources are asked to agree in writing to a set of rules for the acceptable use of such resources (see ICT Usage policy).
- 8.3 Our password-controlled network maintains individual security, confidentiality and accountability for activity on the network. Any pupil or member of staff who has a problem with their user names or passwords must report it to the School's ICT team immediately.
- The School uses well-established and frequently updated filtering software to prevent access to content deemed to be potentially harmful, and which records attempts to access such potentially harmful content. If staff or children discover unsuitable sites, the URL (web address) must be reported to the ICT Coordinator. Any member of the School community should report a website which causes concern to the ICT Coordinator who will immediately refer this to the On-Site Engineer who will arrange for that site to be blocked, always taking care to consider that potential 'over-blocking' does not lead to unreasonable restrictions in online learning.
- 8.5 The use of any device connected to the School's network will be logged and monitored by the ICT team.
- 8.6 The School has a separate Wi-Fi connection available for use by visitors to the School. A password, which is changed on a regular basis, must be obtained from a member of staff in order to use the Wi-Fi. Use of this service will be logged and monitored by the ICT team.

8.7 Inappropriate material

- 8.7.1 The School recognises the importance of ensuring that all pupils are safeguarded from potentially harmful and inappropriate material online.
- 8.7.2 Online safety is a key element of many school policies and procedures and an important part of the role and responsibilities of the DSL. The term 'online safety' encapsulates a wide range of issues but these can be classified into four main areas of risk
 - (a) **Content** being exposed to illegal, inappropriate, inaccurate or harmful content (e.g. pornography, extreme violence, addictive content, fake news, racism, misogyny, self-harm, suicide, anti-Semitism, radicalisation and extremism)⁴;
 - (b) Contact being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users (e.g. peer to peer pressure, bullying, harassment, threats to privacy, commercial advertising and adults posing as children or young adults with the intention to groom and/or exploit them for sexual, criminal, financial or other purposes);
 - (c) **Conduct** a pupil's personal online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes, harm (e.g. making, sending and receiving explicit

³ E.g. email accounts; network ID's and accounts; unsupervised browsing

⁴ Online games designed for adults are often cited as one of the principle causes of concern for several of these risks. This may be as much from the highly aggressive and verbally abusive behaviours they elicit as from the be-friending of pseudonymous strangers or from exposure to violent and sexual content. Extensive exposure to such games may be considered evidence of child neglect, which may, in certain circumstances, lead the School to consider making a report to social services.

images/videos (such as consensual and non-consensual sharing of nudes and semi-nudes and/or pornography), sharing other explicit images and online bullying, harassment, breaching copyright; and

(d) **Commerce** - risks such as online gambling, inappropriate advertising, phishing and or financial scams.

The school is committed to supporting awareness of these risks in age-appropriate ways and to building resilience and critical thinking skills to enable students to respond appropriately to such risks. See the table below (adapted from Tanya Byron's '3 C's of E-safety') and section 10 for further information about online safety education.

| Risk category | Commercial | Aggressive | Sexual | Values |
|--|---|---|--|---|
| Content Child is observer/consumer | Understand and develop resilience to advertising, spam, sponsorships and demands for personal information | violent/hateful content and know how to cope and to deal | Avoid/develop resilience to pornographic or unwelcome sexual content | Develop critical evaluation skills to Identify bias, prejudice, misleading and manipulative information and advice |
| Contact Child is participant | Awareness of tracking, harvesting and the protection of personal information | Develop resilience to being bullied or harassed, and know what actions to take | Understand the implications of interacting with strangers and being groomed | the risk of |
| Conduct Child is instigator/perpetrator | Clear guidance on illegal downloading, copying, plagiarising, hacking, gambling, fraud, identity theft and the consequences | bullying, harassment or 'trolling' of others and understand the | | Clear guidance on the value of personal integrity, respect, data security, confidentiality, and the consequences of publishing inappropriate, false or misleading information or advice |

8.8 Use of mobile electronic devices and smart technology

8.8.1 The School has appropriate filtering and monitoring systems in place to protect pupils using the internet (including email text messaging and social media sites) when connected to the School's network. Mobile devices and smart technology equipped with a mobile data subscription can, however, provide pupils with unlimited and unrestricted access to the internet. The School is alert to the risks that such access presents, including the risk of pupils sexually harassing their peers using their mobile or other smart technology; or sharing indecent images consensually or non-consensually; or viewing and/or sharing pornography and other harmful content. Therefore, the School operates a clear mobile usage policy and has mechanisms in place to manage such risks.

- 8.8.2 The School has an Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) that explain the rules for using school devices and about using the school Wi-Fi. We also have a thorough child protection policy in place.
- 8.8.3 In certain circumstances, a pupil may be given permission to use their own mobile device or other smart technology to connect to the internet using the School's network. Permission to do so must be sought and given in advance.
- 8.8.4 The School rules about the use of mobile electronic devices or other smart technology, including access to open / non-School networks, are set out in our acceptable use policies (pages 23,24)
 - The use of mobile electronic devices by staff is covered in code of conduct, Staff IT acceptable use policies, social media policy and the data protection policy.
- 8.8.5 Unless otherwise agreed in writing, personal mobile devices including laptop and notebook devices should not be used for School purposes except in an emergency.
- 8.8.6 The School's policies apply to the use of technology by staff and pupils whether on or off School premises and appropriate action will be taken where such use affects the welfare of other pupils or any member of the School community or where the culture or reputation of the School is put at risk.
- 8.8.7 The school is aware of the risk of children being exploited into county line practices (increasingly targeted and recruited through social media).
- 8.8.8 Pupils deliberately acting outside of this guidance, for example, whilst at school using VPNs or 4/5G to access the internet will be regarded as a behaviour / discipline issue.

9 Procedures for dealing with online safety concerns and incidents

9.1 Concerns/Incidents relating to pupils

9.1.1 **Anyone** who has **any** concern about pupils' online safety, the misuse of technology or a particular risk should report it immediately.

- (a) If a concern or incident in any way touches on child safeguarding issues⁵, then it must be reported **immediately** to the DSL, consistent with the safeguarding and child protection policy.
- (b) If the concern or incident involves cyberbullying it should be dealt with in accordance with the School's anti-bullying policy.
- (c) If it relates to technological controls (as described above), or to a breach of the ICT Usage policy, then it must also be reported to the ICT Coordinator.
- (d) Other members of staff and management should be informed as appropriate in the circumstances.

⁵ For example, it involves child-on-child abuse, sexual imagery, sexual violence and/or harassment, upskirting or radicalisation (this is not an exhaustive list, for further information see the safeguarding and child protection policy).

- 9.1.2 Regarding the responsibility of schools to deal with online safety incidents which occur 'off-site', the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and the Education Act 2011 empower the School, to such extent as is reasonable, to:
 - (a) regulate the behaviour of children when they are off the school site where an online safety incident is linked to the school
 - (b) impose disciplinary penalties for inappropriate behaviour, as per the behaviour and discipline policy
 - (c) search for and confiscate electronic devices, and search their contents, and where appropriate delete content (see section 7.3.9)
- 9.1.3 The School recognises the importance of acknowledging, understanding and not downplaying behaviours which may be related to abuse and has appropriate systems in place to ensure that pupils can report any incidents of abuse, whether or not they include an online element, confidently and safe in the knowledge that their concerns will be treated seriously and equally, whether online or outside of school. Children should never have the impression that they are creating a problem through reporting violence or harassment. It is key to explain that the law is in place to protect them, not criminalise them (explained without causing alarm or distress). Staff should however be careful not to promise full confidentiality as information may need to shared further (e.g. with the DSL) to determine next steps.

9.2 Concerns/Incidents relating to staff

- 9.2.1 **Anyone** who has **any** concern about the misuse of technology by staff should report it in accordance with the School's whistleblowing policy so that it can be dealt with in accordance with the staff disciplinary procedures.
- 9.2.2 If anyone has a safeguarding-related concern relating to staff misuse of technology, they should report it **immediately** in accordance with the procedures for reporting and dealing with allegations of abuse against staff set out in the School's child protection and safeguarding policy and procedures.

9.3 Misuse by any user

- 9.3.1 **Anyone** who has **any** concern about the misuse of technology by any other user should report it immediately to the ICT Coordinator and/or the DSL as relevant.
- 9.3.2 The School reserves the right to withdraw access to the School's network by any user at any time and to report suspected illegal activity to the police.
- 9.3.3 If the School considers that any person is vulnerable to radicalisation, the school will refer this to the Channel programme. This focuses on support at an early stage to people who are identified as being vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism. Any person who has a concern relating to extremism may report it directly to the police.

9.4 **Cybercrime**

9.4.1 Cybercrime is criminal activity committed using computers and/or the internet. It is broadly categorised as either 'cyber-enabled' (crimes that can happen off-line but are enabled at scale and at speed on-line) or 'cyber dependent' (crimes that can be committed only by using a computer).

9.4.2 Cyber-dependent crimes include;

- (a) unauthorised access to computers (illegal 'hacking'), for example, accessing a school's computer network to look for test paper answers or change grades awarded;
- (b) denial of service (Dos or DDoS) attacks or 'booting', which are attempts to make a computer, network or website unavailable by overwhelming it with internet traffic from multiple sources; and
- (c) making, supplying or obtaining malware (malicious software) such as viruses, spyware, ransomware, botnets and Remote Access Trojans with the intent to commit further offence, including those above.
- 9.4.3 The School is aware that pupils with particular skill and interest in computing and technology may inadvertently or deliberately stray into cyber-dependent crime.
- 9.4.4 If staff have any concerns about a child in this area, they should refer the matter to the DSL immediately. The DSL should then consider referring into the Cyber Choices programme. This is a nationwide police programme supported by the Home Office and led by the National Crime Agency, working with regional and local policing. It aims to intervene where young people are at risk of committing, or being drawn into, low level cyber-dependent offences and divert them to a more positive use of their skills and interests. Cyber Choices does not currently cover 'cyber-enabled' crime such as fraud, purchasing of illegal drugs on-line and child sexual abuse and exploitation, nor other areas of concern such as on-line bullying or general online safety.

9.5 Recording online safety incidents

The School maintains a log of online safety incidents, which is monitored by the DSL. The reporting of online safety incidents should include the following data:

- (a) Name of person reporting the incident
- (b) Date and time of incident
- (c) Date reported
- (d) Names of people involved
- (e) Location and device details
- (f) Details of incident, including evidence where possible
- (g) Clarification of the risk or breach e.g. does it relate to safeguarding, bullying, inappropriate content, sexting, data protection, copyright infringement...etc.? Use the 4 C's categorisation as described in 8.7.2.
- (h) Initial action taken and current status
- 9.6 Once investigated, a record of the resolution of the incident, and actions taken as a result, must be maintained. Such records should be readily available for inspection during governance visits.

9.7 The information created in connection with this policy may contain personal data. The School's use of this personal data will be in accordance with Inspired Education Group's data protection and retention policies. Data in the online safety log will be processed in line with Inspired Education Group's Privacy Notice, which is available on request or can be accessed via the SharePoint.

10 Education

- 10.1 The safe use of technology is integral to the School's curriculum. Governors ensure pupils are educated in an age appropriate manner about the importance of safe and responsible use of technology, including the internet, social media and mobile electronic devices. The education will be tailored to the specific needs and vulnerabilities of individual children, including those who with special education needs or disabilities and those who are victims of abuse. It is understood that children with specific needs can face additional safeguarding challenges both in-person and online. Governors recognise the barriers, including cognitive understanding.
- 10.2 We believe that the internet and the constantly evolving technologies and devices to which children have access can be tools that enrich their lives. We therefore teach them to view technology and new media positively whilst simultaneously protecting themselves.
- 10.3 The safe use of technology is a focus in all areas of the curriculum and teacher training, and key safety messages are reinforced as part of assemblies and tutorial / pastoral activities, teaching pupils:
 - 10.3.1 about the risks associated with using the technology and how to protect themselves and their peers from potential risks;
 - 10.3.2 about the importance of identifying, addressing and reporting inappropriate behaviour, whether on or offline, and the risks of downplaying such behaviour as, for example, "banter" or "just boys being boys";
 - 10.3.3 to be critically aware of content they access online and guided to validate accuracy of information;
 - 10.3.4 how to recognise suspicious, bullying or extremist behaviour;
 - 10.3.5 the definition of cyberbullying, its effects on the victim and how to treat each other's online identities with respect;
 - 10.3.6 the consequences of negative online behaviour;
 - 10.3.7 how to report cyberbullying and / or incidents that make pupils feel uncomfortable or under threat and how the School will deal with those who behave badly; and
 - 10.3.8 how to respond to harmful online challenges and hoaxes but staff must be mindful that openly naming harmful sites, to either parents or pupils, can encourage interest from pupils who otherwise may not have known about the sites existence.
- 10.4 Pupils are also taught about the risks associated with all forms of abuse, including physical abuse and sexual violence and sexual harassment which may include an online element.
- 10.5 Those parts of the curriculum which deal with the safe use of technology are reviewed on a regular basis to ensure their relevance.

- 10.6 The School's acceptable use policy for pupils sets out the School rules regarding the use technology including internet, email, social media and mobile electronic devices, helping pupils to protect themselves and others when using technology. Pupils are reminded of the importance of this policy on a regular basis.
- 10.7 Technology is included in the educational programmes followed in Reception in the following ways:
 - 10.7.1 children are guided to make sense of their physical world and their community through opportunities to explore, observe and find out about people, places, technology and the environment;
 - 10.7.2 children are enabled to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials and provided with opportunities and encouragement for sharing their thoughts, ideas and feelings through a variety of activities in art, music, movement, dance, role-play, and design and technology; and
 - 10.7.3 children are guided to recognise that a range of technology is used in places such as homes and schools and encouraged to select and use technology for particular purposes.

10.8 Useful online safety resources for pupils

- 10.8.1 http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/ (also provides support for parents and carers)
- 10.8.2 http://www.childnet.com/young-people
- 10.8.3 EYFS: https://childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin
- 10.8.4 EYFS: https://www.childnet.com/resources/digiduck-stories
- 10.8.5 https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/young-people
- 10.8.6 https://www.disrespectnobody.co.uk/
- 10.8.7 https://mysafetynet.org.uk/
- 10.8.8 https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/How-can-CEOP-help-me-YP/
- 10.8.9 https://www.bbc.com/ownit
- 10.8.10 <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/indecent-images-of-children-guidance-for-young-people/indecent-guidance-for-young-people/indecent-guidance-for-young-people/indecent-guidance-for-youn
- 10.8.11 Childline | Childline
- 10.8.12 Report Harmful Content We Help You Remove Content
- 10.8.13 CEOP Safety Centre

11 Training

11.1 Staff

11.1.1 The School provides training on the safe use of technology to staff (online safety as part of required safeguarding training and child protection training) so that they are

- aware of how to protect pupils and themselves from the risks of using technology and to deal appropriately with incidents involving the use of technology when they occur. Training is regularly updated and staff should receive child protection and safeguarding updates through meetings and emails, as required and at least annually, to provide them with the knowledge to effectively safeguard children.
- 11.1.2 Induction training for new staff includes training on the School's online safety strategy including this policy, the staff code of conduct, staff IT acceptable use policy and social media policy.
- 11.1.3 Ongoing staff development training includes training on technology safety together with specific safeguarding issues such as sharing nudes and semi-nudes images and or videos, cyberbullying, radicalisation and dealing with harmful online challenges and online hoaxes. Updates on online safety issues are shared as required and at least annually via emails, e-bulletins and staff meetings.
- 11.1.4 Where pupils wish to report a safeguarding concern, all staff are taught to reassure victims that they are being taken seriously and that they will be supported and kept safe. Staff are aware of the importance of their role in dealing with safeguarding and wellbeing issues, including those involving the use of technology, and understand that a victim should never be given the impression that they are creating a problem by reporting abuse, including sexual violence or sexual harassment, and nor should they ever be made to feel ashamed for making a report.
- 11.1.5 Where safeguarding incidents involve an online element, such as youth produced sexual imagery, staff will not view or forward sexual imagery reported to them and will follow the School's policy on sharing nudes and semi-nude images and videos as set out in Sharing nudes and semi-nudes: how to respond to an incident (overview) (DfDCMS and UKCIS, December 2020); and Appendix 1 of the School's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and Procedures and Searching, screening and confiscation: advice for schools (DfE, January 2018). In certain cases, it may be appropriate for an authorised member of staff to confiscate the pupil's device to preserve any evidence and hand it to the police for inspection.
- 11.1.6 All staff are encouraged to adopt and maintain an attitude of 'it could happen here' in relation to sexual violence, sexual harassment and child-on-child abuse and to address inappropriate behaviours (even where such behaviour appears relatively innocuous) as this can be an important means of intervention to help prevent problematic, abusive and/or violent behaviour in the future. It should be made clear there is a zero-tolerance approach to sexual violence and sexual harassment. It is understood that even if there are no reports, it does not mean it is not happening, it may be that it is not being reported.
- 11.1.7 Staff are trained to look out for potential patterns of concerning, problematic or inappropriate behaviour and, where a pattern is identified, the School will decide on an appropriate course of action to take. Consideration will also be given as to whether there are wider cultural issues within the School that facilitated the occurrence of the inappropriate behaviour and, where appropriate, extra teaching time and/or staff training will be delivered to minimise the risk of it happening again.
- 11.1.8 Staff also receive data protection training on induction and at regular intervals afterwards.

11.1.9 The frequency, level and focus of all such training will depend on individual roles and requirements and will be provided as part of the School's overarching approach to safeguarding.

11.1.10 Useful online safety resources for staff

- (a) <u>Safety and Security Online | SWGfL</u>
- (b) https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/teachers-and-professionals
- (c) <u>helpline@saferinternet.org.uk</u> The UK Safer Internet Centre provides an online safety helpline (and email) with expert advice for professionals at 03443814772
- (d) http://www.childnet.com/teachers-and-professionals
- (e) Cyberbullying Guidance | Childnet
- (f) https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/
- (g) https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/teachers/
- (h) http://educateagainsthate.com/
- (i) https://www.commonsense.org/education/
- (j) Cyberbullying: advice for head teachers and school staff (DfE, July 2017)
- (k) Advice on the use of social media for online radicalisation (DfE and Home Office, July 2015)
- (I) Sharing nudes and semi-nudes: how to respond to an incident (overview) (DfDCMS and UKCIS, December 2020).
- (m) Online safety in schools and colleges: questions from the governing board (UKCIS, 2022)
- (n) Education for a connected world framework (UKCIS, 2020)
- (o) https://www.lgfl.net/online-safety/resource-centre
- (p) Online Sexual Harassment: Understand, Prevent and Respond Guidance for Schools (Childnet, March 2019)
- (q) Myth vs Reality: PSHE toolkit (Childnet, April 2019)
- (r) <u>SELMA Hack online hate toolkit</u> (SWGFL, May 2019)
- (s) <u>Teaching online safety in school: Guidance supporting schools to teach their pupils how to stay safe online, within new and existing school subjects</u> (DfE, January 2023)
- (t) Harmful online challenges and online hoaxes (DfE, February 2021)
- (u) NSPCC helpline for anyone worried about a child 0808 800 5000

- (v) The National Grid for Learning Safeguarding (Igfl.net)
- (w) E-safety for schools | NSPCC Learning (NSPCC, May 2023)
- (x) Home (saferrecruitmentconsortium.org)
- (y) <u>Internet Watch Foundation</u> If an incident/report involves sexual images or videos that have been shared online, the victim can be supported to get the images removed by the IWF.
- (z) Report Remove | IWF Childline/IWF's Report Remove is a free tool allowing children to report nude or sexual images and/or videos of themselves that they think might have been shared online.
- (aa) <u>CEOP Safety Centre</u> The Child Exploitation and Online Protection command is a law enforcement agency working to keep children and young people safe from sexual exploitation and abuse. On their website, online sexual abuse can be reported and a report made to one of its Child Protection Advisors.
- (bb) <u>Undressed (Igfl.net)</u> LGFL provides schools with advice on how to teach young children about being tricked into getting undressed online in a way that does not scare them or explains the motives of sex offenders.
- (cc) <u>Safer Internet Filtering and Monitoring</u> Additional filtering and monitoring guidance.
- 11.1.11 The LSCP safeguarding children partnership has produced guidance on online safety, available here: Online Safety | Iscp (rbkc.gov.uk)

11.2 Parents

- 11.2.1 A student friendly Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) is shared with the students at the start of the year before they get their own school device. Parents are provided with online safety training from external companies such at Childnet and National Online safety. E-safety tips of the week are sent to parents in the school newsletter.
- 11.2.2 The school will communicate with parents regarding the filtering and monitoring systems in place, what children are asked to do online (including the websites used) and who (if anyone) from school they will interact with online. Regular governance visits review the effectiveness of filtering and monitoring.
- 11.2.3 Parents are encouraged to read the acceptable use policy for pupils with their son / daughter to ensure that it is fully understood.

11.2.4 Useful online safety resources for parents

- (a) https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers
- (b) http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers
- (c) Parents and Carers Toolkit | Childnet
- (d) https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

- (e) https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/
- (f) http://parentzone.org.uk/
- (g) https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/
- (h) https://www.internetmatters.org/
- (i) https://www.commonsensemedia.org/
- (j) Advice for parents and carers on cyberbullying (DfE, November 2014).
- (k) <u>Coronavirus (COVID-19): support for parents and carers to keep children</u> <u>safe online - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) (DfE, DDCMS, HO, February 2021)</u>
- (I) http://www.askaboutgames.com
- (m) https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre
- (n) <u>UK Chief Medical Officers' advice for parents and carers on children and</u> young people's screen and social media use (February 2019)
- (o) <u>LGfL: parents scare or prepare</u>
- (p) Home (lgfl.net)
- (q) Thinkuknow: what to do if there's a viral scare online
- (r) NWG-MCF-Parents-Leaflet.pdf (mariecollinsfoundation.org.uk)
- (s) Stop It Now! UK and Ireland | Preventing child sexual abuse
- (t) <u>CEOP Education Protecting children and young people from online child</u> <u>sexual abuse through education (thinkuknow.co.uk)</u>
- (u) Net Aware update from the NSPCC UK Safer Internet Centre
- (v) <u>Talking to your child about online sexual harassment: A guide for parents |</u>
 <u>Children's Commissioner for England (childrenscommissioner.gov.uk)</u>
 (Children's Commissioner, December 2021)
- (w) #AskTheAwkward help to talk with your children about online relationships (thinkuknow.co.uk)

12 Risk assessment

- 12.1 Where a concern about a pupil's welfare is identified, the risks to that pupil's welfare will be assessed and appropriate action will be taken to reduce the risks identified.
- 12.2 The format of risk assessment may vary and may be included as part of the School's overall response to a welfare issue, including the use of individual pupil welfare plans (such as behaviour, healthcare and education plans, as appropriate). Regardless of the form used, the School's approach to promoting pupil welfare will be systematic and pupil focused.

- 12.3 Sophie Banks has overall responsibility for ensuring that matters which affect pupil welfare are adequately risk assessed and for ensuring that the relevant findings are implemented, monitored and evaluated.
- Day to day responsibility to carry out risk assessments under this policy will be delegated to Nicola Wright who has been properly trained in identifying and managing risks.

Appendices

Appendix 1: PSHEE curriculum – online safety links

| | Autumn: Relationships | | Spring: Living in the wider world | | | Summer: Health and Wellbeing | | | |
|--------|---|---|--|--|--|---|---|--|---|
| | Families and friendships | Safe relationships | Respecting ourselves and others | Belonging to a community | Media literacy and digital resilience | Money and work | Physical health and Mental wellbeing | Growing and changing | Keeping safe |
| Year 1 | Roles of different people; families; feeling cared for | Recognising privacy; staying safe; seeking permission | How behaviour affects others; being polite and respectful | What rules are; caring for others' needs; looking after the environment | Using the internet and digital devices; communicating online | Strengths and interests; jobs in the community | Keeping healthy; food and exercise, hygiene routines; sun safety | Recognising what makes them unique and special; feelings; managing when things go wrong | How rules and age restrictions help us; keeping safe online |
| Year 2 | Making friends; feeling lonely and getting help | Managing secrets; resisting pressure and getting help; recognising hurtful behaviour | Recognising things in common and differences; playing and working coop- eratively; sharing opinions | Belonging to a group; roles and responsibilities; being the same and different in the community | The internet in everyday life; online content and infor- mation | What money is; needs and wants; looking after money | Why sleep is important; medicines and keeping healthy; keeping teeth healthy; managing feelings and asking for help | Growing older; naming body parts; moving class or year | Safety in different environments; risk and safety at home; emergencies |
| Year 3 | What makes a family; features of family life | Personal boundar- ies; safely respond- ing to others; the impact of hurtful behaviour | Recognising re- spectful behaviour; the importance of self-respect; courte- sy and being polite | The value of rules and laws; rights, freedoms and re- sponsibilities | How the internet is used; assessing information online | Different jobs and skills; job ste- reotypes; setting personal goals | Health choices and habits; what affects feelings; expressing feelings | Personal strengths and achievements; managing and re- framing setbacks | Risks and hazards; safety in the local environment and unfamiliar places |
| Year 4 | Positive friendships, including online | Responding to hurtful behaviour; managing confiden- tiality; recognising risks online | Respecting differ- ences and similari- ties; discussing dif- ference sensitively | What makes a community; shared responsibilities | How data is shared and used | Making decisions about money; using and keeping money safe | Maintaining a bal- anced lifestyle; oral hygiene and dental care | Physical and emo- tional changes in puberty; external genitalia; personal hygiene routines; support with pu- berty | Medicines and household products; drugs common to everyday life |
| Year 5 | Managing friend- ships and peer influence | Physical contact and feeling safe | Responding respect- fully to a wide range of people; recognis- ing prejudice and discrimination | Protecting the envi- ronment; compas- sion towards others | How information online is targeted; different media types, their role and impact | Identifying job inter- ests and aspirations; what influences career choices; workplace stereo- types | Healthy sleep habits; sun safety; medicines, vaccina- tions, immunisations and allergies | Personal identity; recognising individ- uality and different qualities; mental wellbeing | Keeping safe in different situations, including responding in emergencies, first aid and FGM |
| Year 6 | Attraction to others; romantic relation- ships; civil partner- ship and marriage | Recognising and managing pressure; consent in different situations | Expressing opin- ions and respecting other points of view, including discussing topical issues | Valuing diversity; challenging discrim- ination and stereo- types | Evaluating media sources; sharing things online | Influences and attitudes to money; money and financial risks | What affects mental health and ways to take care of it; managing change, loss and bereave- ment; managing time online | Human reproduc- tion and birth; increasing indepen- dence; managing transition | Keeping personal information safe; regulations and choices; drug use and the law; drug use and the media |

Appendix 2: Firefly page for parents

<u>Internet Safety at Pembridge Hall - Pembridge Hall School (fireflycloud.net)</u>

Appendix 3: Student Acceptable User Policies



iPad Rules

I agree to:

- Take good care of my iPad
- · Tell my teacher if an accident happens
- Always leave my iPad in my classroom or with a teacher
- Keep my iPad in its case
- Only use my iPad with permission
- Only use the camera with permission
- Not install any apps
- Only personalise my device background with sensible images
- Tell my teacher if my iPad is lost

Internet use

When I use the internet, I must:

- Not talk to strangers online
- Be kind to all my classmates when talking on Teams
- Keep all my personal information safe
- $\bullet\,$ Tell the teacher if I see something that makes me feel uncomfortable

Apps

- The apps on my iPad are for educational use
- I should only use the apps i have been told to use









iPad and Surface Go Rules

- Take good care of my device
 Take good care of my device
 Never leave my device unsecured (keep my device in a classroom during break and lunch)
 Know where my device is at all times
 Protect my device by keeping it in its case if an accident happens I will let Miss Manji brown

- know

 Charge my device at the end of each day in the classroom charging cabinet

 Only use my device with permission from a teacher in a classroom

 Keep my device on the table in lessons

 Only use my device in ways that are appropriate

 Only photograph people with their permission

 If I have an app suggestion I will speak to my class teacher

 Only personalise my device background with basic, sensible images

 Report a lost device to my Class Teacher



www

- | Will:

 Make sure all IT contact with other children and adults is responsible, polite and sensible

 Not send anyone material that could be considered threatening, bullying, offensive or illegal

 Not give out my own details such as my name, phone number or home address

 Be responsible for my behaviour when using IT because I know these rules are to keep me eafer

- me safe

 Support the school approach to online safety and not deliberately upload or add any image, video or sound that could upset a member of the school community

 Report anything that makes me feel uncomfortable on the internet

Office 365

- OFFICE 365

 Vour device gives you access to the Office 365 suite meaning you have access to Word, PowerPoint, Teams and OneDrive. You can share content with teachers. Documents can be shared with other students but only under teacher direction.

 Teams is a tool to collaborate with your teachers and other pupils. Teams should only be used in the classroom UNLESS instructed by the teacher e.g. a teacher might ask you to look at an assignment posted on Teams for your homework.

 The 'chat' feature on Teams should only be used during class time.



Appendix 5: Computing curriculum links to online safety

| Subject: eSafety in the Computing curriculum | | Resources Student eSafety area | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| Coord | linator: Seema Manji | Computing Video Channel - Pembridge Hall School (fireflycloud.net) | | |
| | | eSafety school resources - Pembridge Hall School (fireflycloud.net) | | |
| 1 | Jessie and Friends - Watching online videos - Sharing pictures - Playing games - Sharing personal information - Seeing things on the web that makes you worried - Telling people, you trust Educational platforms - Teaching the girls how to access safe educational resources at school and at home. Using Teams and Seesaw as a safe space to explore | Jessie Friends videos (thinkuknow.co.uk) | | |
| 2 | Using the internet - Safe searches on the internet - How the internet works - How to use Google - Keeping safe when using the internet - What is Personal information - Electronic communication through Teams - How to access school platforms at home Creating a positive digital footprint | | | |
| 3 | The Interland scheme of work - Stranger danger - Online Scams - Be aware of what you share - Hackers Cyberbullying | Play Interland - Be Internet Awesome Be Internet Legends - A Program to Teach Children Internet Safety (beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com) The series: Online Safety Tips for Parents - Be Internet Legends | | |
| 4 | Be internet legends - Think before you share - Check if its real - Protect your privacy and data - Respect each other - When in doubt discuss with your support circle Other - Online gaming Online chats | Be Internet Legends curriculum 2022.pdf (storage.googleapis.com) | | |
| 5 | Play like share series - Safe and unsafe behaviours online - Feeling confident to talk with your support group - Understand methods to seek for advice and support Play – playing games online Like – being kind to others online Share – sharing videos and photos online Chat – talking to others online Lock – keeping information private Explore – exploring the internet | Play Like Share (thinkuknow.co.uk) | | |
| | Childnet Movie-making competition – Based on the theme of the competition e.g. online respect, gaming etc - Safer internet day discussion - Movie-making techniques - Green screen technology - Storyboards - Student voice with flipgrid | Childnet Film Competition Childnet | | |

| | Stop motion techniques | |
|--|---|---|
| 6 Social media and creating a positive digital footprint - Social media trends - Selfies - Sharing photos - Positives and negatives of social media - Cyberbullying Childnet Movie-making competition — Based on the theme competition e.g. online respect, gaming etc | | Own It - A place to help you boss your life online - Own It - BBC |
| | Safer internet day discussion Movie-making techniques Green screen technology Storyboards Student voice with flipgrid Stop motion techniques | |