



STAR OF THE SEA RC PRIMARY SCHOOL **INTERNET SAFETY POLICY**

The following policy was developed to ensure the safety of our pupils when using the Internet and the World Wide Web.

- Children are only referred to by first names on our web pages.
- On any images of children used on the school website, only first names will be used.
- Children and staff will never reveal their personal details, home addresses and phone numbers on the web or in dialogue with other Internet users.
- Children using computers in class or in the ICT suite are supervised at all times by a member of staff.
- All e-mail to classes will be open to moderation by the class teacher.
- Children will not engage in conversation or dialogue with other users on the Internet without permission or supervision from their teacher.
- Children are only allowed to use the provided links by themselves. The free use of Search Engines is not permitted, unless in the presence of a teacher or TA in school.
- The Search Engines used by children at Star of the Sea are all filtered.
- Any child finding themselves uncomfortable or upset by anything they discover on the Internet will report it to a teacher immediately.
- Downloading of files is restricted to staff, or children under supervision.
- All Internet access at Star of the Sea is filtered through a server to screen undesirable sites at source.
- In the interests of security, Star of the Sea Primary School reserves the right to make a detailed log of your access to this site, including your Internet Service Provider and details of your computer system.
- Star of the Sea RC Primary School will take all reasonable steps to ensure that children do not place themselves in difficult positions whilst using the Internet and as such will report to parents if children are found to disclose their personal details or take part in unsecured site usage.

As a school we recognise that under certain circumstances the Internet can give children access to undesirable information and images. We have done, and will continue to do, all that is possible to ensure children are protected from such information through the use of security software, limiting of features and the construction of an Intranet and Website that provide as safe an environment as possible. The children are taught to use the facility sensibly and with proper consideration for others.

Staff and pupils have attended E-Safety training sessions and this training has also been offered to parents.

Date first in place: **September 2020**

Last review date:

Next review date: **September 2022**