Bures CEVC Primary School – Online Safety Policy

1. Aims

Our school 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

2. Legislation and guidance

This policy is based on the Department for Education's statutory safeguarding guidance, Keeping Children Safe in Education, and its advice for schools on preventing and tackling bullying and searching, screening and confiscation. It also refers to the Department's guidance on protecting children from radicalisation.

It reflects existing legislation, including but not limited to the Education Act 1996 (as amended), the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and the Equality Act 2010. In addition, it reflects the Education Act 2011, 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. Staff will also have regard to the Government guidance: Information sharing: advice for practitioners providing safeguarding services which supports staff who have to make decisions about sharing information. This advice includes the seven golden rules for sharing information and considerations with regard to the Data Protection Act 2018 and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

The policy also takes into account the National Curriculum computing programmes of study, the DfE guidance published in June 2019 'Teaching Online Safety in Schools' which outlines how schools can ensure their pupils understand how to stay safe and behave online and the new statutory guidance on Relationships and Sex Education including teaching about online relationships.

The policy also takes account of the DfE guidance on safeguarding and remote education during coronavirus (COVID-19).

3. Roles and responsibilities

3.1 The governing body

The governing body has overall responsibility for monitoring this policy and holding the headteacher to account for its implementation.

The governing body will co-ordinate regular meetings with appropriate staff to discuss online safety, and monitor online safety logs as provided by the Online Safety Lead or the designated safeguarding lead (DSL).

The governor who oversees online safety is Helen Main.

All governors will:

- Ensure that they have read and understand this policy
- Agree and adhere to the terms on acceptable use of the school's ICT systems and the internet (appendix 2)

3.2 The headteacher

The headteacher 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

Details of the school's designated safeguarding lead (DSL) are set out in our child protection and safeguarding policy.

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

- Ensuring that staff understand this policy and that it is being implemented consistently throughout the school
- Working with the ICT technician, the Online Safety Lead and other staff, as necessary, to address any online safety issues or incidents
- Ensuring that any online safety incidents are logged 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 or child protection policy
- Updating and delivering staff training with support from the Online Safety Lead on online safety
- Liaising with other agencies and/or external services if necessary
- Providing regular reports with support from the Online Safety Lead on online safety in school to the governing board

This list is not intended to be exhaustive.

3.4 The ICT Technician in conjunction with the Headteacher

The ICT Technician is responsible for:

- Putting in place appropriate filtering and monitoring systems, which are updated on a regular basis and keep pupils safe from potentially harmful and inappropriate content and contact online while at school, including terrorist and extremist material
- Ensuring that the school's ICT systems are secure and protected against viruses and malware, and that such safety mechanisms are updated regularly
- Conducting regular security checks and monitoring the school's ICT systems
- Blocking access to potentially dangerous sites and, where possible, preventing the downloading of potentially dangerous files

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 2), and ensuring that pupils follow the school's terms on acceptable use (appendix 1)
- Working with the DSL to ensure that any online safety incidents are logged and dealt with appropriately in line with this policy and the child protection policy; recording concerns on CPOMs.
- Ensuring that any incidents of cyber-bullying are dealt with appropriately in line with the school behaviour policy or child protection policy

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 (if in KS2) has read, understood and agreed to the terms on acceptable use of the school's ICT systems and internet (appendix 1)

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

- Thinkuknow provides advice from the National Crime Agency (NCA) on staying safe online
- Parent info is a collaboration between Parentzone and the NCA providing support and guidance for parents from leading experts and organisations
- Childnet offers a toolkit to support parents and carers of children of any age to start discussions about their online life, to set boundaries around online behaviour and technology use, and to find out where to get more help and support
- Internet matters provides age-specific online safety checklists, guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices, and a host of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world
- London Grid for Learning has support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online, including tips to keep primary aged children safe online
- Net-aware has support for parents and carers from the NSPCC, including a guide to social networks, apps and games
- Let's Talk About It has advice for parents and carers to keep children safe from online radicalisation
- UK Safer Internet Centre has tips, advice, guides and other resources to help keep children safe online, including parental controls offered by home internet providers and safety tools on social networks and other online services.

This list is not exhaustive. Part two also now signposts DSLs and school/college leaders to the DfE 'Harmful online challenges and online hoaxes' guidance Harmful online challenges and online hoaxes - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

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 2).

4. Educating pupils about online safety

Pupils will be taught about online safety as part of the curriculum and following the guidance outlined in 'Teaching Online Safety in Schools' and 'Relationships and Sex Education'.

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
- Understand that people sometimes behave differently online, including by pretending to be someone they are not.

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
- Understand 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.

- Understand how to critically consider their online friendships and sources of information including awareness of the risks associated with people they have never met.
- Understand how information and data is shared and used online.

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

The school will use assemblies to raise pupils' awareness of the dangers that can be encountered online and may also invite speakers to talk to pupils about this.

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. This policy will also be shared with parents.

If parents have any queries or concerns in relation to online safety, these should be raised in the first instance with the headteacher and/or the DSL.

Concerns or queries about this policy can be raised with any member of staff or the headteacher.

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 policy.)

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.

Teaching staff are also encouraged to find opportunities to use aspects of the curriculum to cover cyber-bullying. This includes personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education, and other subjects where appropriate.

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 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 including child on child abuse in an online context, the school will follow the processes set out in the school behaviour policy or safeguarding policy. Where illegal, inappropriate or harmful material has been spread among pupils (to include nudes or semi-nudes or the use of sexual violence or sexual harassment), the school will use all reasonable endeavours to ensure the incident is contained and reported to the appropriate authorities.

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

School staff have the specific power under the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (which has been increased by the Education Act 2011) to search for and, if necessary, delete inappropriate images or files on pupils' electronic devices, including mobile phones, iPads and other tablet devices, where they believe there is a 'good reason' to do so.

When deciding whether there is a good reason to examine or erase data or files on an electronic device, staff must reasonably suspect that the data or file in question has been, or could be, used to:

- Cause harm, and/or
- Disrupt teaching, and/or
- Break any of the school rules

If inappropriate material is found on the device, it is up to the staff member in conjunction with the DSL or other member of the senior leadership team to decide whether they should:

- Delete that material, or
- Retain it as evidence (of a criminal offence or a breach of school discipline), and/or
- Report it to the police

Any searching of pupils will be carried out in line with the DfE's latest guidance on screening, searching and confiscation.

Any complaints about searching for or deleting inappropriate images or files on pupils' electronic devices will be dealt with through the school 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 and 2). Visitors will be expected to read and agree to the school's terms on acceptable use if relevant.

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 and 2.

8. Pupils using mobile devices in school

Pupils in Year 5 & 6 are permitted to bring mobile phones into school **entirely at their own risk** if they walk home from school or are attending an out of hours club.

The phone must be switched off and be handed into the school office at the start of the day. Failure to do so will lead to the mobile phone being confiscated by a member of the SLT. The phone will be placed into an envelope and stored in the safe in the office. The parent/carer will be telephoned and will then need to collect the phone after school from the school office.

Any breach of the acceptable use agreement by a pupil may trigger disciplinary action in line with the school behaviour policy, which may result in the confiscation of their device.

9. Staff using work devices outside school

Staff members using a work device outside school must not install any unauthorised software on the device and must not use the device in any way which would violate the school's terms of acceptable use, as set out in appendix 2.

Staff must ensure that their work device is secure and password-protected, and that they do not share their password with others. They must take all reasonable steps to ensure the security of their work device when using it outside school.

If staff have any concerns over the security of their device, they must seek advice from the ICT 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 the behaviour policy. 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. The action taken will depend on the individual circumstances, nature and seriousness of the specific incident.

Where appropriate the school will report incidents which involve illegal activity or content, or otherwise serious incidents, 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.

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).

The DSL and Deputy 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.

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. This policy will be reviewed annually.

The Online Safety Lead conducts weekly filtering monitoring reports using RM SafetyNet to ensure that any inappropriate searches or attempts to access unsuitable websites are identified, logged and followed up under this policy and the requirements of KCSIE.

13. Links with other policies

This online safety policy is linked to our:

- Child protection and safeguarding policy
- Behaviour policy
- Anti-bullying policy
- Staff disciplinary procedures
- Data protection policy and privacy notices
- Complaints procedure

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Appendix 1:

Bures Primary School - Acceptable Use Policy for Young People

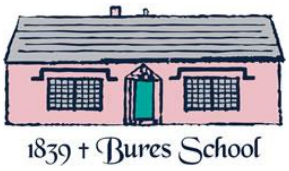
My Online Safety Agreement
This is my agreement for using the internet safely and responsibly at school.

- I will use the internet to help me learn.
- I will learn how to use the internet safely and responsibly.
- I will only send email messages that are polite and friendly.
- I will only email, chat to or video-conference people I know in the real world or that a trusted adult has approved.
- Adults are aware when I use online tools such as video conferencing.
- I agree never to give out passwords or personal information like my full name, address or phone numbers.
- I agree never to post photographs or video clips without permission or that I will not include my full name with photographs.
- If I need help I know who I can ask and that I can go to www.thinkuknow.co.uk or the NSPCC for help, if I cannot talk to a trusted adult.
- If I see anything on the internet that makes me feel uncomfortable, I know what to do.
- If I receive a message sent by someone I don't know, I know to let a trusted adult know and take a screenshot of the message.
- I know I should follow these guidelines as part of the agreement with my parent/carer.
- I agree to look after myself and others by using my internet in a safe and responsible way.

Signed …… / …..... Dated.....

(KS2 Pupil and Parent/Carer) (EYFS / KS1 Parent/Carer only)

Name.....(Printed) Year ……



Appendix 2:
Acceptable Use Agreement (Staff, Governors, Volunteers and Visitors)

Acceptable use of the school's ICT systems and the internet: agreement for staff, governors, volunteers and visitors	
Name of staff member/governor/volunteer/visitor:	
When using the school's ICT systems and accessing the internet in school, or outside school on a work device, I will not: • Access, or attempt to access inappropriate material, including but not limited to material of a violent, criminal or pornographic nature • Use them in any way which could harm the school's reputation • Use any improper language when communicating online, including in emails or other messaging services • Install any unauthorised software • Share my password with others or log in to the school's network using someone else's details	
I will only use the school's ICT systems and access the internet in school, or outside school on a work device, to access appropriate material which will in the main be connected to my professional duties. I agree that the school will monitor the websites I visit. 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 policy. 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/governor/volunteer/visitor):	**Date:**