



Determined, ambitious learners

E-SAFETY

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Introduction

The Cumberland School recognises that the internet and other digital technologies enhance the opportunities for the learning of young people. When accessible, they can enable both staff and pupils the chance to promote creativity and stimulate awareness and learning.

As part of our commitment both to safeguarding young people and to pupils learning and achievement, we at The Cumberland School want to ensure that the use of the internet and other digital technologies:

- Raise education standards and promote individual pupil achievement.
- Develop and enhance the curriculum, making learning exciting and purposeful.
- Enable pupils to gain access to a wide range of secondary sources and knowledge in a way that ensures their safety and security.

To ensure this happens, we have taken a whole school approach to E-Safety which includes the development of policies and practices as well as the education and training of staff and pupils about the effective use of these resources.

The Cumberland School is committed to ensuring that all pupils will have the ability to use existing, as well as up and coming technologies, safely. As a school, we are committed to ensuring that all those who work with young people, as well as their parents, are educated about the potential risks and dangers that exist, so that they feel empowered to take an active part in safeguarding young people.

As part of safeguarding young people in school, the Safeguarding Team within the school should be made aware of any concerns regarding the inappropriate use of this technology through the referral email; safeguarding@cumberland.org.uk.

Scope of Policy

The policy applies to:

- All pupils.
- All teaching and support staff, school governors, visitors and volunteers.
- All aspects of the School's facilities where they may be used by any other organisations.

The Cumberland School ensures that the following is in place to support the safeguarding of young people online:

- E-safety to be taught within ICT and PSHE time and as appropriate in all aspects of learning within the school.
- A range of policies discussing the use of technology are frequently reviewed and updated.
- There is information available about policies and keeping young people safe online for parents in order to highlight safe practices.
- Adequate training is available for staff and volunteers.

- Adequate supervision of young people whilst using internet and digital technologies.
- An up to date safeguarding reporting procedure and behaviour procedures for abuse and misuse.

At The Cumberland School we understand that effective policies and procedures are essential when developing our whole school approach to E-Safety. Because of this, our policies are aimed at providing a balance between the uses of new technologies to explore pupils' educational potential and ensuring pupils are safeguarded. Therefore:

- The use of the internet facilities, mobiles and other technologies will be monitored to confirm that they are used for their intended educational purposes, without infringing legal requirements or creating unnecessary risk.
- The school expects all staff and pupils to use the internet, mobile and other technologies responsibly, following our school procedures and communicates this.

Users Must Not:

Explore internet sites, make, post, download, upload, or pass on, material remarks, proposals or comments that contain or relate to:

- Indecent images of children.
- The promotion of discrimination of any kind.
- The promotion of racial or religious hatred.
- The promotion of illegal acts.
- The promotion of bullying.
- Bringing the school's name into disrepute.
- Any information that may be offensive to other pupils or staff.

Incidents that appear to deliberately disobey the above will be referred on in order to ensure appropriate actions are taken. This may involve a referral to:

- Head of Year or Assistant Headteacher in charge of the year group.
- The Safeguarding Team.
- The Police.

If a staff member or pupil suspect that technology is being used inappropriately, then this suspicion should be reported to the safeguarding team at school in the first instance or to the police if it is a police matter. This then, should be followed up through safeguarding procedures.

Working in Partnership with Parents, Carers and Pupils

As a school, we are committed to working with parents, carers and pupils to ensure the internet and other technologies are used safely. This includes educating young people about the role they, and their families play in keeping themselves safe on line.

In working with parents, the school appreciates that some parents may be concerned

about the use of the internet and other technologies. The school's staff will endeavour to meet with parents and carers to address these concerns when they arise and to discuss solutions should the use of these pose a problem for the young person and their family.

The Cumberland School would also wish to draw staff and parents attention to other policies relating to the E-Safety policy including:

- The Safeguarding Policy.
- The Anti-Bullying Policy.
- The Administration Computer Network Policy.
- The Professional Expectations & Obligations Policy.
- The Anti-Radicalisation Policy.