



Cleeve Prior CE Primary School
Online safety statement
2024-25

Our vision

Our vision is to provide a safe, caring and nurturing environment, where everyone is given opportunities to learn, discover and grow in our changing world. We will live out our Christian values of Respect, Hope, Love, Forgiveness, Trust and Honesty and strive to guide our community into leading fruitful lives, learning from Jesus' teachings, to love themselves and one another in order to flourish.

Rationale

At Cleeve Prior CE Primary School, we want to equip all of our children with the skills necessary to flourish and learn in a fast-moving digital world.

The purpose of this statement is to:

- ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and young people is paramount when adults, young people or children are using the internet, social media or mobile devices
- provide staff and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to online safety
- ensure that, as a school, we operate in line with our values and within the law in terms of how we use online devices.

The statement applies to all staff, volunteers, children and anyone involved in Cleeve Prior CE Primary School's activities.

This policy should be read alongside the School's Safeguarding and Child Protection policy; Child on Child policy; Acceptable Use policy and procedures on child protection and safeguarding.

As a school community, we believe that:

- children and young people should never experience abuse of any kind
- children should be able to use the internet for education and personal development, but safeguards need to be in place to ensure they are kept safe at all times.

We recognise that:

- the online world provides everyone with many opportunities; however, it can also present risks and challenges
- we have a duty to ensure that all children, young people and adults involved in our school are protected from potential harm online

- we have a responsibility to help keep children and young people safe online, whether or not they are using Cleeve Prior Primary School's network and devices
- working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare and in helping young people to be responsible in their approach to online safety
- all children, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse.

We will seek to keep children and young people safe by:

- appointing an online safety coordinator (currently Mrs Laughlin)
- providing clear and specific directions to staff and volunteers on how to behave online through our behaviour code for adults
- supporting and encouraging the young people to use the internet, social media and mobile phones in a way that keeps them safe and shows respect for others through our learning in school
- supporting and encouraging parents and carers to do what they can to keep their children safe online
- developing an acceptable use agreement for use with young people
- developing clear and robust procedures to enable us to respond appropriately to any incidents of inappropriate online behaviour, whether by an adult or a child
- reviewing and updating the security of our information systems regularly
- ensuring that user names, logins, email accounts and passwords are used effectively
- ensuring personal information about the adults and children who are involved in our school is held securely and shared only as appropriate
- ensuring that images of children, young people and families are used only after their written permission has been obtained, and only for the purpose for which consent has been given
- providing supervision, support and training for staff and volunteers about online safety
- examining and risk assessing any social media platforms and new technologies before they are used within the school.

If online abuse occurs, we will respond to it by:

- having clear and robust safeguarding procedures in place for responding to abuse (including online abuse)
- providing support and training for all staff and volunteers on dealing with all forms of abuse, including bullying or cyberbullying, emotional abuse, sexting, sexual abuse and sexual exploitation
- making sure our response takes the needs of the person experiencing abuse, any bystanders and our school as a whole into account
- reviewing the plan developed to address online abuse at regular intervals, in order to ensure that any problems have been resolved in the long term.

Contact details

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We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice annually.

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Signed: S Laughlin (Head of School)