

St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

E Safety policy: coronavirus addendum 2020



“Growing through God we Learn, Laugh and Love”

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At St John Fisher Catholic Primary School, we aim to support children in their online safety and it is our role to maintain a secure, caring and stimulating environment. Whilst expectations in our E-Safety and Social Media Policy remain pertinent, it is necessary, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, to make some adjustments for the online safety of all pupils and staff. These adjustments are set out below:

There have been significant changes within St John Fisher Primary School in response to the coronavirus outbreak. However, despite the changes, the St John Fisher School Safeguarding Policy is fundamentally the same: **children and young people always come first, staff should respond robustly to safeguarding concerns and contact the DSL in line with our established safeguarding procedure.**

This addendum sets out some of the adjustments we are making in line with the new arrangements in the school and following advice from government and local agencies.

Online Safety in School

St John Fisher Primary will continue to provide a safe environment, including online.

Where pupils are using computers in school, appropriate supervision will be in place.

Children and Online Safety Away from School

Remote Learning should follow the same principles as set out in St John Fisher Primary's Code of Conduct and the main St John Fisher Primary Online Safety Policy.

- St John Fisher Primary will ensure any use of online learning tools and systems are in line with privacy and data protection/GDPR requirements.
- All procedures and expectations stated in the main St John Fisher Primary Online Safety Policy and Remote Learning Policy must continue to be adhered to.
- Parents will be reminded of the support available to them in order to help to keep their children safe online through links on the Online safety page on our school website.

Reporting arrangements

The school arrangements continue in line with our Child Protection Policy, the E-Safety Policy and the Staff Code of Conduct. Should there be any safeguarding concerns, the contacts are below:

The Designated Safeguarding Lead: Nicola Dickinson

The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Catherine Smith

Risks

- It is recognised that pupils are going to be spending more time on line for a variety of reasons. Technology is so important at this time and has many positive qualities, for example communication keeping us in touch with friends and family
- We also recognise the many risks that the internet poses. These include perpetrators who will take advantage of/exploit the situation and the increased users available
- Other risks for pupils include peer on peer abuse, cyberbullying and possibly sharing of inappropriate images
- It is important that parents are supported and given information to help ensure their children are safe, that appropriate parental controls are in place and screen time is monitored
- Information and guidance will be shared on our website, along with updates on our ESafety page
- The school continues to ensure that appropriate filters and monitors are in place
- The Head Teacher will review arrangements to ensure they remain appropriate
- Staff have been reminded of the school's code of conduct and the importance of using school systems safely to communicate with children and their families during this exceptional period
- St John Fisher Primary School will ensure any use of online learning tools and systems is in line with privacy and data protection/GDPR requirements.

Pupils working from home

- Pupils will access home learning resources on the school website in the Homework section (Y2-6) or using Tapestry (YR-Y1). Each pupil will be provided with a username and password to log in
- Pupils accessing home learning should always be kind and respectful to each other and respectful to staff interacting with them online
- Any inappropriate comments to staff online, via any platform will be taken very seriously. This is also the case of for any online bullying towards other pupils or peer-on-peer abuse that is disclosed to the school during this time

Guidance for Staff, Parents and Pupils:

Pupils

- Have been issued individual username and passwords to access online learning
- Should not share their login details with others
- Should keep all devices and their anti-virus up to date and download apps from official app stores only
- Should keep privacy settings on and practice safe browsing
- Should only download from secure websites
- Should never click on links or open attachments in emails from senders they do not know
- Should report concerns with issues related to cyberbullying, directly to parents/carers and the school
- Should not communicate with staff members via any form of social media communication portals

Parents

- Should talk to their child/ren about online safety and about what they are doing online
- Should ensure children have parental controls on all devices, broadband and apps
- Keep computers and online gaming in family rooms, where they can monitor activity
- Keep up to date on any websites, social networks and apps their child is using
- Teach their child to think before they post as posting online is instant and usually permanent
- Listen to their child if they are down or concerned about what they have seen online and report any serious concerns

Teachers

- Do not download sensitive data directly onto devices that will be removed from the school
- Will not connect to pupils or parents on social media
- Will not use WhatsApp for making phone calls due to it not being GDPR compliant
- Will report any concerns/issues directly to the DSL and DDSL for further action
- Will only use apps such as Zoom for essential communication and with prior permission from the school
- Will not make recordings (audio) or video recordings without permission
- Will ensure all communication with parent/carers and pupils are logged appropriately and where any online abuse is suspected this is shared with DSL and DDSL for further action.

Websites available for further assistance

Pupils

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/securing-your-devices>

Parents

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/securing-your-devices>

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/keeping-childrenhappy-and-safe-online-duringcovid-19>

Teachers

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/securing-your-devices>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

Useful sites:

[Parent info](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online

[Thinkuknow](#) - for advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online

[Internet matters](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online

[Net-aware](#) - for support for parents and carers from the NSPCC

[swiggle.org.uk](#) and [YouTube Kids](#): child-safe search engines