

## Internet Safety Policy

At Parayhouse School we take Internet Safety very seriously and see it as our duty to keep our pupils safe whilst using technology not only in school but also at home. This also includes our responsibility to keep our children safe from radicalisation and extremism (Prevent Duty).

The policy covers 3 main areas; Pupil's safety, staff's responsibilities and support for parents.

### **Safety and Responsibility for Pupils**

Although some of our pupils are unable to access the Internet we have a good percentage of pupils who are able to use the internet independently and therefore are at risk from either deliberately accessing inappropriate material or, due to their level of literacy, accidentally accessing harmful sites. No child is able to access the Internet in school without their parents giving permission to do so. This consent form is filled in when the child starts school and is kept on record until they leave; it will only need amending if a parent/carer would like to change it. All children are supervised in school whilst using the Internet and all are made aware that all their activity within school is monitored.

All pupils will receive E-Safety training at the beginning of each academic year in PHSCE lessons. All pupils will be taught how to use all technologies in a responsible and safe way. No child may appear on the Web Site without their parent/carers consent, the consent form is completed when the child starts school and is kept on record until they leave; it will only need amending if the parent/carer would like to change it.

## **Safety and Responsibilities for Staff**

All staff are required to read and sign an Acceptable User Policy (AUP) which clearly states the responsibilities of staff using technology in the work place. This will be signed when they commence their employment at Parayhouse School and will be re-enforced each year during the staff's E-Safety Session. All staff will attend both training on E-Safety and Prevent (dealing with radicalisation & extremism).

The AUP list the responsibilities of all staff and covers the use of digital technologies in school: i.e. E-mail, Internet, Intranet and network resources, software, equipment and systems and complements the General Teaching Council's Code of Practice for Registered Teachers.

## **Support for Parents**

As a school we believe it is our duty to support parent and carers in keeping their child safe while using technology within the home environment. Computers and other devices in the home are more open and don't have the security features which we have in school, which does make the child more vulnerable in this environment. Our designated family support manager makes home visits to all students and will discuss the responsible use of the internet at home with their parents and carers.

The school web site will have information regarding E-Safety for parents / carers and young people.