Dear Parent/Carer,

All pupils at Blundeston CEVC Primary School use computer facilities and have internet access, as an essential part of learning as required by the National Curriculum. Your child will have the opportunity to access a wide range of information and communication technology (ICT) resources. This includes access to:

● Computers, laptops, iPads and other digital devices
● The internet, which may include search engines and educational sites
● Digital cameras, webcams and video cameras
● Interactive boards/screens

The school recognises the essential and important contribution that technology plays in promoting children's learning and development, believing it offers a fantastic range of positive activities and experiences. We do recognise, however, that this can also bring risks. We take your child's online safety seriously and, as such, will take all reasonable precautions, including monitoring and filtering systems, to ensure that our pupils are safe when they use our internet and systems. We recognise though that no technical system can replace online safety education and believe that children themselves have an important role to play in developing responsible behaviour.

To support the school in developing your child's knowledge and understanding about online safety, we request that you read the attached pupil and parent/carer Acceptable Use of Technology Policy, discuss the content of them with your child (as you see appropriate) and return the attached signature slips.

Early Years/KS1
We understand that your child is too young to give informed consent on his/her own; however, we feel it is good practice to involve them as much as possible in the decision-making process, and believe a shared commitment is the most successful way to achieve this. Hopefully, you will also find this Acceptable Use Policy provides you with an opportunity for conversations between you and your child about safe and appropriate use of technology, both at school and at home.

We request that all parents support our approach to online safety by role modelling safe and positive online behaviour and by discussing online safety whenever children access technology at home. Parents can visit the school website for more information about our approach to online safety.

Parents/carers may also like to visit the following links for more information about keeping children safe online:
☐ www.thinkuknow.co.uk
☐ www.childnet.com
☐ www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety
☐ www.saferinternet.org.uk
☐ www.internetmatters.org

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Gowen or Miss Clarke, the school's Online Safeguarding Leads.

Best wishes,
H. Laflin
Miss H. Laflin
Headteacher