

Blundeston CEVC Primary School



Parent/Carer Acceptable Use of Technology Policy

How I will support my child in staying safe online:

I will discuss the Acceptable Use of Technology Policy with my child and ensure it is followed.

I will ensure my child does not take any portable devices into school for the saving or transferring of work (e.g. USB stick, external hard drive etc.)

I will set up parental controls on devices at my discretion and where I see fit.

I will promote safe search engines such as swiggle.org.uk and kids-search.com.

I will help my child in downloading/using/playing age-appropriate apps/websites/games.

I will regularly monitor my child's online activity.

I will talk regularly to my child about online activity and safety.

I will use the school website's 'Online Safety Information' zone as a resource base.

I will have a 'home/family agreement' on boundaries for safe online activity.

I will support my child to report any concerns with the relevant bodies:
App/website/game admin, CEOPs, NSPCC, Childline, school Online Safety Leads.

Blundeston CEVC Primary School

How the school will keep my child safe online:

The school will deliver online safety education to my child.

They will teach my child to use the internet in a safe and responsible manner through all curriculum subjects.

My child will be taught to tell an adult immediately about any inappropriate materials or contact from someone they do not know.

The school will teach the importance of reporting abuse, misuse or access to inappropriate materials and how to do so.

My child will be taught research skills and the need to avoid plagiarism and uphold copyright regulations.

The school will take every reasonable precaution, including monitoring and filtering systems, to ensure that young people will be safe when they use the internet and ICT systems.

The school will ensure that pupils do not bring any portable devices into school for the saving or transferring of work (e.g. USB stick, external hard drive etc.)

The school cannot ultimately be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed on the internet and by using mobile technologies.

I understand that my child's activity on the school's ICT systems will be monitored and that the school will contact me if they have concerns about any possible breaches of this Acceptable Use Policy.

Staff will check all online material used in lessons before sharing with the children for appropriateness.

Blundeston CEVC Primary School

How I will keep myself safe when online:

When communicating online, I will do so in a polite and sensible manner.

I can use Class Dojo to communicate with my child's class teacher and ask any relevant questions (between the hours of 3:20pm and 5pm on weekdays during term-time).

I am aware that it is not advised to have school staff as 'friends' on my personal social media accounts.

I am aware of privacy settings and will set them to the appropriate level.

I know that I am not permitted to take pictures/videos of pupils at a school event.

I know that I must make complaints through official school channels and in accordance with the school's Complaints Policy, rather than posting them on social media sites.

I understand that I should not post unkind, malicious, fictitious, libellous or defamatory comments on social media sites about the school or any member of the school community. This includes campaigns against the school or any member of the school community.

Blundeston CEVC Primary School

I understand that I am responsible for my actions, both in and out of school:

I am aware that the school will contact me (by phone call, meeting or letter) if I have breached the Acceptable Use Policy, to explain my actions and their implications.

I understand that the school also has the right to take action against me if I am involved in incidents of inappropriate behaviour.

I understand that, in accordance with the Defamation Act (2013), action may be taken against me if I make defamatory statements about the school or members of staff online, including on social media websites.

I understand that in the event of illegal activities, the school has the duty to involve the police.

As a school, we understand that “There are circumstances in which police involvement is appropriate. These include where postings have a racist element or where violence is threatened or encouraged”. Furthermore, “Laws of defamation and privacy still apply to the web and it is unlawful for statements to be written which

- expose an individual to hatred, ridicule or contempt
- cause an individual to be shunned or avoided
- lower an individual’s standing in the estimation of right-thinking members of society or
- disparage an individual in their business, trade, office or profession”.

I give permission for staff to share online age-appropriate educational material with my child, including clips from YouTube.

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL TO OPT-OUT OR DISCUSS THIS AGREEMENT.