

SILVERDALE SCHOOL E-SAFETY POLICY



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Background and Rationale

New technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people in today's society, both within schools and in their lives outside school.

The internet and other digital technologies are powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. Electronic communication helps teachers and students learn from each other. These technologies can stimulate discussion, promote creativity and increase awareness of context to promote effective learning. Children and young people should have an entitlement to safe internet access at all times.

The requirement to ensure that children and young people are able to use the internet and related communications technologies appropriately and safely is addressed as part of the wider duty of care to which all who work in schools are bound. A school e-safety policy should help to ensure safe and appropriate use. The development and implementation of such a strategy should involve all the stakeholders in a child's education from the headteacher and governors to the senior leaders and classroom teachers, support staff, parents, members of the community and the students / students themselves.

The use of these exciting and innovative tools in school and at home has been shown to raise educational standards and promote pupil / student achievement.

However, the use of these new technologies can put young people at risk within and outside the school. Some of the dangers they may face include:

- Access to illegal, harmful or inappropriate images or other content
- Unauthorised access to / loss of / sharing of personal information
- The risk of being subject to grooming by those with whom they make contact on the internet.
- The sharing / distribution of personal images without an individual's consent or knowledge
- Inappropriate communication / contact with others, including strangers
- Cyber-bullying
- Access to unsuitable video / internet games
- An inability to evaluate the quality, accuracy and relevance of information on the internet
- Plagiarism and copyright infringement
- Illegal downloading of music or video files
- The potential for excessive use which may impact on the social and emotional development and learning of the young person.

Many of these risks reflect situations in the off-line world and it is essential that this e-safety policy is used in conjunction with other school policies (eg behaviour, anti-bullying and child protection policies).

As with all other risks, it is impossible to eliminate those risks completely. It is therefore essential, through good educational provision to build students' resilience to the risks to which they may be exposed, so that they have the confidence and skills to face and deal with these risks.

The school must demonstrate that it has provided the necessary safeguards to help ensure that they have done everything that could reasonably be expected of them to manage and reduce these risks. The e-safety policy that follows explains how we intend to do this, while also addressing wider educational issues in order to help young people (and their parents / carers) to be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other communications technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.

Development, monitoring and review e-Safety Policy

This e-safety policy has been developed and will be reviewed regularly by a e-safety working group made up of:

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| • School E-Safety Coordinator | Catherine Henderson |
| • Headteacher | Roisin Paul |
| • Senior Leader | Catherine Henderson |
| • Safeguarding Officer | Rebecca McLaren |
| • Support Staff | |
| • ICT Strategy Manager | Richard Clough |
| • Governors / Parent Representative | Sally Freeman |
| • Teacher Representative | |

Schedule for e-Safety Development

This e-safety policy was approved by the <i>Governors Community Sub Co-ordinator</i> on:	31/1/11.
The implementation of this e-safety policy will be monitored by the:	<i>E-Safety Co-ordinator</i>
Monitoring will take place at regular intervals:	<i>July each year</i>
The <i>Governors Community Sub Co-ordinator</i> will receive a report on the implementation of the e-safety policy generated by the monitoring group (which will include anonymous details of e-safety incidents):	<i>November each year</i>
The E-Safety Policy will be reviewed annually, or more regularly in the light of any significant new developments in the use of the technologies, new threats to e-safety or incidents that have taken place. The next anticipated review date will be:	<i>July each year</i>
Should serious e-safety incidents take place, the following procedure should be followed	<i>Refer to: Responding to incidents of misuse diagram</i>

The school will monitor the impact of the policy using:

- Logs of reported incidents on SIMs
- Internal monitoring data for network activity by ICT Technical team

Scope of the Policy

This policy applies to all members of the school community (including staff, students, volunteers, parents / carers, visitors, community users) who have access to and are users of school ICT systems, both in and out of school.

The Education and Inspections Act 2006 empowers Headteachers, to such extent as is reasonable, to regulate the behaviour of students / students when they are off the school site and empowers members of staff to impose disciplinary penalties for inappropriate behaviour. This is pertinent to incidents of cyber-bullying or other e-safety incidents covered by this policy, which may take place out of school, but is linked to membership of the school.

The school will deal with such incidents within this policy and associated behaviour and anti-bullying policies and will, where known, inform parents / carers of incidents of inappropriate e-safety behaviour that take place out of school.

Roles and Responsibilities

The following section outlines the roles and responsibilities for e-safety of individuals and groups within the school:

Governors:

Governors are responsible for the approval of the E-Safety Policy and for reviewing the effectiveness of the policy. This will be carried out by the *Governors* Community Co-ordinator receiving regular information about e-safety incidents and monitoring reports. A member of the Governing Body has taken on the role of E-Safety Governor. The role of the E-Safety Governor will include:

- regular meetings with the E-Safety Coordinator
- regular monitoring of e-safety incident logs
- regular monitoring of e-safety policies
- reporting to relevant Governors Co-ordinator / meeting

Headteacher and Senior Leaders:

- **The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring the safety (including e-safety) of members of the school community**, though the day to day responsibility for e-safety will be delegated to the E-Safety Coordinator.
- The Headteacher / Senior Leaders are responsible for ensuring that the E-Safety Coordinator and other relevant staff receive suitable CPD to enable them to carry out their e-safety roles and to train other colleagues, as relevant
- The Headteacher / Senior Leaders will ensure that there is a system in place to allow for monitoring and support of those in school who carry out the internal e-safety monitoring role. This is to provide a safety net and also support to those colleagues who take on important monitoring roles. This process will consist of regular reports to the leadership group
- The Senior Leadership Team will receive regular monitoring reports from the E-Safety Co-ordinator.
- **The Headteacher and another member of the Senior Leadership Team should be aware of the procedures to be followed in the event of a serious e-safety allegation being made against a member of staff.** (see e-Safety Incidents Flowchart on dealing with e-safety incidents – included in a later section – “Responding to incidents of misuse” and relevant Local Authority HR / disciplinary procedures)

E-Safety Coordinator:

- leads the e-safety Co-ordinator
- takes day to day responsibility for e-safety issues and has a leading role in establishing and reviewing the school e-safety policies / documents
- ensures that all staff are aware of the procedures that need to be followed in the event of an e-safety incident taking place.
- provides training and advice for staff
- liaises with the Local Authority
- liaises with school ICT technical staff
- receives reports of e-safety incidents which are logged on SIMs
- meets regularly with E-Safety Governor to discuss current issues, review incident logs and filtering / change control logs
- reports regularly to Senior Leadership Team

Technical staff:

ICT Strategy Manager is responsible for ensuring:

- that the school's ICT infrastructure is secure and is not open to misuse or malicious attack
- that the school meets the e-safety technical requirements outlined by the YHGfL

- that users may only access the school's networks through a properly enforced password protection policy, in which passwords are regularly changed
- the school's filtering policy is applied and updated on a regular basis and that its implementation is not the sole responsibility of any single person. The e-safety coordinator will coordinate with ICT Technical team
- that e-safety coordinator keeps up to date with e-safety technical information in order to effectively carry out their e-safety role and to inform and update others as relevant
- Subject leaders will liaise with ICT Technical Staff and the e-safety coordinator regarding individual requests for unfiltering based on curriculum need
- that the use of the network / managed learning Environment(MLE) / remote access / email is regularly monitored in order that any misuse / attempted misuse can be reported to the E-Safety Co-ordinator for investigation / action / sanction
- that monitoring software / systems are implemented and updated as agreed in school policies

Teaching and Support Staff

are responsible for ensuring that:

- they have an up to date awareness of e-safety matters and of the current school e-safety policy and practices
- they have read, understood and signed the school Staff Acceptable Use Policy / Agreement (AUP)
- they report any suspected misuse or problem to the E-Safety Co-ordinator /Headteacher / Senior Leader / Class teacher / Head of Year for investigation / action / sanction
- digital communications with students / students (email / MLE / voice) should be on a professional level and only carried out using official school systems
- e-safety issues are embedded in all aspects of the curriculum and other school activities
- students understand and follow the school e-safety and acceptable use policy
- students have a good understanding of research skills and the need to avoid plagiarism and uphold copyright regulations
- they monitor ICT activity in lessons, extra curricular and extended school activities
- they are aware of e-safety issues related to the use of mobile phones, cameras and hand held devices and that they monitor their use and implement current school policies with regard to these devices
- in lessons where internet use is pre-planned students / students should be guided to sites checked as suitable for their use and that processes are in place for dealing with any unsuitable material that is found in internet searches

Designated person for child protection / Child Safeguarding Officer

should be trained in e-safety issues and be aware of the potential for serious child protection issues to arise from:

- sharing of personal data
- access to illegal / inappropriate materials
- inappropriate on-line contact with adults / strangers
- potential or actual incidents of grooming
- cyber-bullying

Students

- **are responsible for using the school ICT systems in accordance with the Student Acceptable Use Policy, which they will be expected to sign.**
- have a good understanding of research skills and the need to avoid plagiarism and uphold copyright regulations
- need to understand the importance of reporting abuse, misuse or access to inappropriate materials and know how to do so
- will be expected to know and understand school policies on the use of mobile phones, digital cameras and hand held devices. They should also know and understand school policies on the taking / use of images and on cyber-bullying.
- should understand the importance of adopting good e-safety practice when using digital technologies out of school and realise that the school's E-Safety Policy covers their actions out of school, if related to their membership of the school

Parents / Carers

Parents / Carers play a crucial role in ensuring that their children understand the need to use the internet / mobile devices in an appropriate way. Research shows that many parents and carers do not fully understand the issues and are less experienced in the use of ICT than their children. The school will therefore take every opportunity to help parents understand these issues through parents' evenings, letters, website / MLE and information about national / local e-safety campaigns / literature. Parents and carers will be responsible for:

- endorsing (by signature) the Student Acceptable Use Policy
- accessing the school website / MLE / on-line student records in accordance with the Silverdale Acceptable Use Policy.

Policy Statements

Education – students

Whilst regulation and technical solutions are very important, their use must be balanced by educating to take a responsible approach. The education of *students* in e-safety is therefore an essential part of the school's e-safety provision. Children and young people need the help and support of the school to recognise and avoid e-safety risks and build their resilience.

E-Safety education will be provided in the following ways:

- **A planned e-safety programme should be provided as part of ICT / PHSE / other lessons and should be regularly revisited – this will cover both the use of ICT and new technologies in school and outside school**
- **Key e-safety messages should be reinforced as part of a planned programme of assemblies and tutorial / pastoral activities**
- **Students should be taught in all lessons to be critically aware of the materials / content they access on-line and be guided to validate the accuracy of information**
- **Students should be helped to understand the need for the student AUP and encouraged to adopt safe and responsible use of ICT, the internet and mobile devices both within and outside school**
- **Students should be taught to acknowledge the source of information used and to respect copyright when using material accessed on the internet**
- **Rules for use of ICT systems / internet will be posted in all rooms and displayed on log-on screens**
- **Staff should act as good role models in their use of ICT, the internet and mobile devices**

Education – parents / carers

Many parents and carers have only a limited understanding of e-safety risks and issues, yet they play an essential role in the education of their children and in the monitoring / regulation of the children's on-line experiences. Parents often either underestimate or do not realise how often children and young people come across potentially harmful and inappropriate material on the internet and are often unsure about what they would do about it. "There is a generational digital divide". (Byron Report).

The school will therefore seek to provide information and awareness to parents and carers through:

- Letters, newsletters, web site, MLE
- Parents evenings
- Reference to the YHGfL website <http://www.yhgfl.net/eSafety>

Education & Training – Staff

It is essential that all staff receive e-safety training and understand their responsibilities, as outlined in this policy. Training will be offered as follows:

- A planned programme of formal e-safety training will be made available to staff. An audit of the e-safety training needs of all staff will be carried out regularly.
- All new staff should receive e-safety training as part of their induction programme, ensuring that they fully understand the school e-safety policy and Acceptable Use Policies
- The E-Safety Coordinator (or other nominated person) will receive regular updates through attendance at SWGfL / LA / other information / training sessions and by reviewing guidance documents released by YHGfL / LA and others.
- This E-Safety policy and its updates will be presented to and discussed by staff in staff / team meetings / INSET days.
- The E-Safety Coordinator (or other nominated person) will provide advice / guidance / training as required to individuals as required

Training – Governors

Governors should take part in e-safety training / awareness sessions, with particular importance for those who are members of any sub Co-ordinator / group involved in ICT / e-safety / health and safety / child protection. This may be offered in a number of ways:

- Attendance at training provided by the Local Authority / National Governors Association or other relevant organisation.
- Participation in school training / information sessions for staff or parents

Technical – infrastructure / equipment, filtering and monitoring

The school ICT Technical team has approved and will be responsible for ensuring that the school infrastructure / network is as safe and secure as is reasonably possible and that policies and procedures approved within this policy are implemented.

- Silverdale’s ICT network will be managed in ways that ensure that the school meets the e-safety technical requirements outlined by the Local Authority
- There will be regular reviews and audits of the safety and security of school ICT systems
- Servers, wireless systems and cabling must be securely located and physical access restricted
- All users will have clearly defined access rights to school ICT systems. Details of the access rights available to groups of users will be recorded by the ICT Technical team and will be reviewed, at least annually, by the E-Safety Co-ordinator
- All users will be provided with a username and password by ICT Technical team who will keep an up to date record of users. Users will be required to change their password every 90 days
- Users will be made responsible for the security of their username and password, must not allow other users to access the systems using their log on details and must immediately report any suspicion or evidence that there has been a breach of security.
- The school maintains and supports the internet filtering service provided by YHGfL onsite.
- Any filtering issues should be reported immediately to the e-safety Coordinator or ICT Technical TEAM who will report this to YHGfL
- Remote management tools are used by staff to control some workstations and view users activity
- An appropriate system is in place (to be described) for users to report any actual / potential e-safety incident to the ICT Strategy Manager(or other relevant person).
- Appropriate security measures are in place to protect the servers, firewalls, routers, wireless systems, work stations, hand held devices etc from accidental or malicious attempts which might threaten the security of the school systems and data.
- A procedure is in place for the provision of temporary access of “guests” (eg trainee teachers, visitors) onto the school system. These people should report to the ICT Technical Team
- Downloading of executables is done via a Request for Change made to ICT Technical team.
- staff have access to personal data via the MLE. They must use this data in line with the school Data Protection policy below
- Any use of removable media (memory devices, mobile phones etc) must be in line with all school policies regarding the security of school systems and data
- The school infrastructure and individual workstations are protected by up to date virus software.

Curriculum

E-safety should be a focus in all areas of the curriculum and staff should reinforce e-safety messages in the use of ICT across the curriculum.

- in lessons where internet use is pre-planned, it is best practice that students should be guided to sites checked as suitable for their use and that processes are in place for dealing with any unsuitable material that is found in internet searches.
- Where students are allowed to freely search the internet, eg using search engines, staff should be vigilant in monitoring the content of the websites the young people visit.
- Students should be taught in all lessons to be critically aware of the materials / content they access on-line and be guided to validate the accuracy of information
- Students should be taught to acknowledge the source of information used and to respect copyright when using material accessed on the internet.

Use of digital and video images - Photographic, Video

The development of digital imaging technologies has created significant benefits to learning, allowing staff and students instant use of images that they have recorded themselves or downloaded from the internet. However, staff and students need to be aware of the risks associated with sharing images and with posting digital images on the internet. Those images may remain available on the internet forever and may cause harm or embarrassment to individuals in the short or longer term. There are many reported incidents of employers carrying out internet searches for information about potential and existing employees. The school will inform and educate users about these risks and will implement policies to reduce the likelihood of the potential for harm:

- **When using digital images, staff should inform and educate students about the risks associated with the taking, use, sharing, publication and distribution of images. In particular they should recognise the risks attached to publishing their own images on the internet eg on social networking sites.**
- **Staff are allowed to take digital / video images to support educational aims, but must follow school policies concerning the sharing, distribution and publication of those images. Those images should only be taken on school equipment, the personal equipment of staff should not be used for such purposes.**
- **Care should be taken when taking digital / video images that students are appropriately dressed and are not participating in activities that might bring the individuals or the school into disrepute.**
- **Students must not take, use, share, publish or distribute images of others without their permission**
- **Photographs published on the website, or elsewhere that include students will be selected carefully and will comply with good practice guidance on the use of such images.**
- **Students' full names will not be used anywhere on a website or blog, particularly in association with photographs.**
- **Written permission from parents or carers will be obtained before photographs of students are published on the school website (may be covered as part of the AUP signed by parents or carers at the start of the year see Parents / Carers AUP Agreement in the appendix)**
- **Student's work can only be published with the permission of the student and parents or carers.**

Data Protection

Personal data will be recorded, processed, transferred and made available according to the Data Protection Act 1998 which states that personal data must be:

- Fairly and lawfully processed
- Processed for limited purposes
- Adequate, relevant and not excessive
- Accurate
- Kept no longer than is necessary
- Processed in accordance with the data subject's rights
- Secure
- Only transferred to others with adequate protection.

Staff must ensure that they:

- At all times take care to ensure the safe keeping of personal data, minimising the risk of its loss or misuse.
- Use personal data only on secure password protected computers and other devices, ensuring that they are properly “logged-off” at the end of any session in which they are using personal data.
- Transfer data using secure password protected devices.

When personal data is stored on any portable computer system, USB stick or any other removable media:

- the data should password protected
- the data must be securely deleted from the device, in line with school policy (below) once it has been transferred or its use is complete

Communications

A wide range of rapidly developing communications technologies has the potential to enhance learning. The following table shows how the school currently considers the benefit of using these technologies for education outweighs their risks / disadvantages:

Communication Technologies	Staff & other adults				Students			
	Allowed	Allowed at certain times	Allowed for selected staff	Not allowed	Allowed	Allowed at certain times	Allowed with staff permission	Not allowed
Mobile phones may be brought to school	✓				✓			
Use of mobile phones in lessons	Where appropriate					✓	✓	
Use of mobile phones in social time	✓				✓			
Taking photos on mobile phones or other camera devices	Where appropriate					✓	✓	
Use of hand held devices eg PDAs, PSPs	Where appropriate					✓	✓	
Use of personal email addresses in school, or on school network	✓				✓			
Use of school email for personal emails	Where appropriate					✓		
Use of chat rooms / facilities								✓
Use of instant messaging	✓							✓
Use of social networking sites				✓				✓
Use of blogs		✓					✓	

When using communication technologies the school considers the following as good practice:

- **The official school email service may be regarded as safe and secure and is monitored.**

- Users need to be aware that email communications may be monitored
- Users must immediately report, to the nominated person – in accordance with the school policy, the receipt of any email that makes them feel uncomfortable, is offensive, threatening or bullying in nature and must not respond to any such email.
- Any digital communication between staff and students / students or parents / carers (email, chat, VLE etc) must be professional in tone and content.
- All students are provided with individual school email addresses for educational use
- Students are taught about email safety issues, such as the risks attached to the use of personal details. They are taught strategies to deal with inappropriate emails and be reminded of the need to write emails clearly and correctly and not include any unsuitable or abusive material.
- Personal information should not be posted on the school website and only official email addresses should be used to identify members of staff.

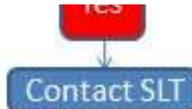
Unsuitable / inappropriate activities

The school believes that the activities referred to in the following section would be inappropriate in a school context and that users, as defined below, should not engage in these activities in school or outside school when using school equipment or systems. The school policy restricts certain internet usage as follows:

User Actions		Acceptable	Acceptable at certain times	Acceptable for nominated users	Unacceptable	Unacceptable and illegal
Users shall not visit Internet sites, make, post, download, upload, data transfer, communicate or pass on, material, remarks, proposals or comments that contain or relate to:	child sexual abuse images					✓
	promotion or conduct of illegal acts, eg under the child protection, obscenity, computer misuse and fraud legislation					✓
	adult material that potentially breaches the Obscene Publications Act in the UK					✓
	criminally racist material in UK					✓
	pornography				✓	
	promotion of any kind of discrimination				✓	
	promotion of racial or religious hatred				✓	
	threatening behaviour, including promotion of physical violence or mental harm				✓	
any other information which may be offensive to colleagues or breaches the integrity of the ethos of the school or brings the school into disrepute				✓		
Using school systems to run a private business				✓		
Use systems, applications, websites or other mechanisms that bypass the filtering or other safeguards employed by SWGfL and / or the school				✓		
Uploading, downloading or transmitting commercial software or any copyrighted materials belonging to third parties, without the necessary licensing permissions				✓		
Revealing or publicising confidential or proprietary information (eg financial / personal information, databases, computer / network access codes and passwords)				✓		
Creating or propagating computer viruses or other harmful files				✓		
Carrying out sustained or instantaneous high volume network traffic (downloading / uploading files) that causes network congestion and hinders others in their use of the internet				v		
On-line gaming (educational)	✓					

On-line gaming (non educational)		✓			
On-line gambling				✓	
On-line shopping / commerce		✓			
File sharing		✓			
Use of social networking sites				✓	
Use of video broadcasting eg YouTube			✓		

Responding to incidents of misuse

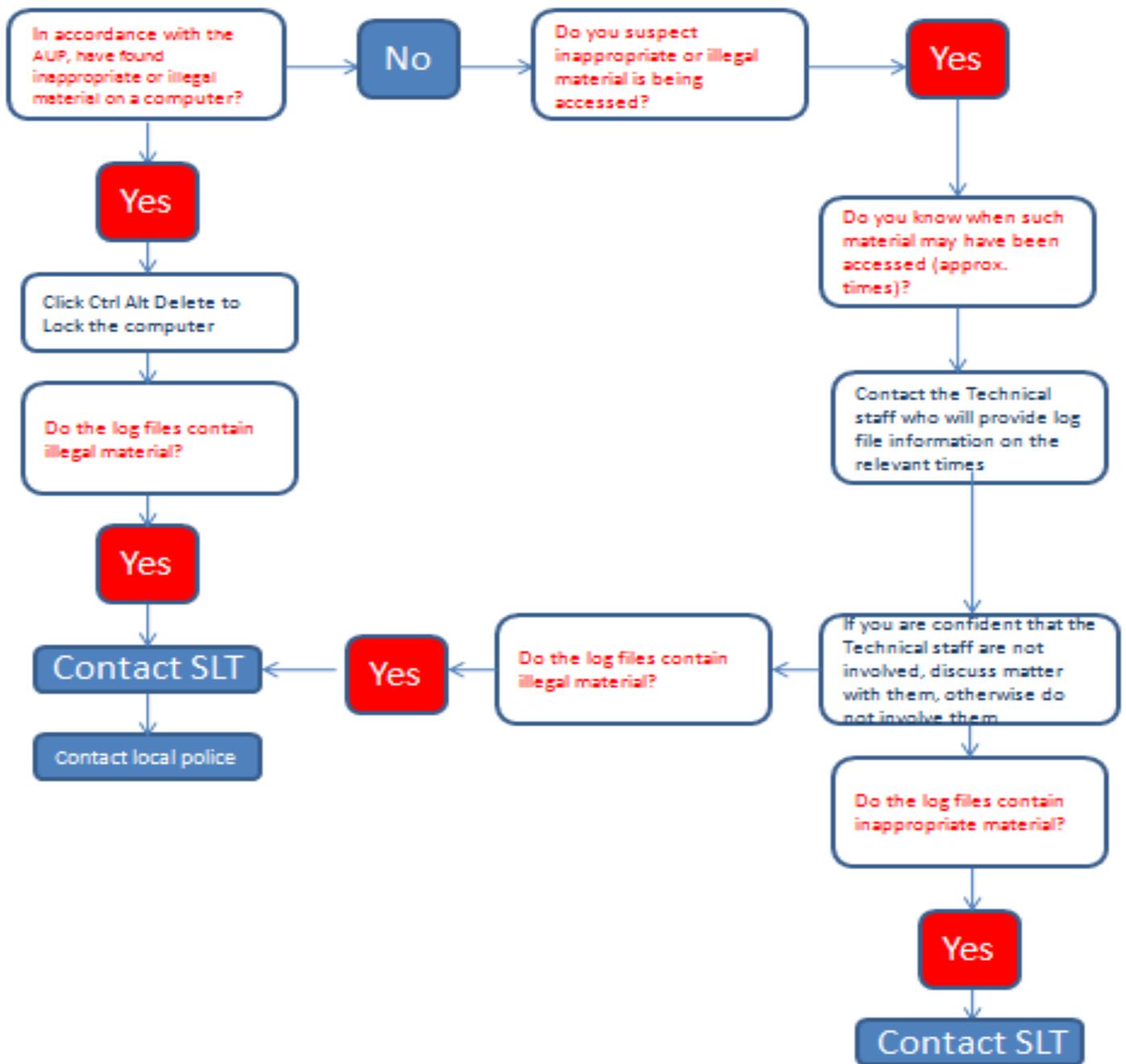


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If any apparent or actual misuse appears to involve illegal activity ie.

- child sexual abuse images
- adult material which potentially breaches the Obscene Publications Act
- criminally racist material
- other criminal conduct, activity or materials

The flow chart below should be consulted and actions followed in line with the flow chart, in particular the sections on reporting the incident to the police and the preservation of evidence.



If members of staff suspect that misuse might have taken place, but that the misuse is not illegal (as above) it is essential that correct procedures are used to investigate, preserve evidence and protect those carrying out the investigation. This guidance recommends that more than one member of staff is involved in the investigation which should be carried out on a “clean” designated computer.

Incidents that involve inappropriate rather than illegal misuse should be dealt with as soon as possible in a proportionate manner. It is intended that incidents of misuse will be dealt with through normal behaviour / disciplinary procedures as follows:

Students

Incidents:	Refer to class teacher / form tutor	Refer to Head of Department / Head of Year / other	Refer to e-safety officer	Refer to SLT (On Call)	Refer to Headteacher	Refer to Police	Refer to technical support staff for action re filtering / security etc	Inform parents / carers	Removal of network / internet access rights	Sanction eg warning / detention / exclusion in line with behaviour policy
Deliberately accessing or trying to access material that could be considered illegal (see list in earlier section on unsuitable / inappropriate activities).				✓1	✓	✓	✓1	✓	✓	✓
Unauthorised use of non-educational sites during lessons	✓									✓
Unauthorised use of mobile phone / digital camera / other handheld device	✓									✓
Unauthorised use of social networking / instant messaging / personal email	✓									✓
Unauthorised downloading or uploading of files	✓									✓
Allowing others to access school network by sharing username and passwords	✓									✓
Attempting to access or accessing the school network, using another student's / pupil's account	✓		✓							✓
Attempting to access or accessing the school network, using the account of a member of staff	✓		✓	✓				✓		✓
Corrupting or destroying the data of other users	✓		✓				✓			✓
Sending an email, text or instant message that is regarded as offensive, harassment or of a bullying nature	✓	✓	✓					✓		✓
Continued infringements of the above, following previous warnings or sanctions	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		✓
Actions which could bring the school into disrepute or breach the integrity of the ethos of the school	✓		✓	✓				✓		✓
Using proxy sites or other means to subvert the school's filtering system			✓				✓			✓
Deliberately accessing or trying to access offensive or pornographic material		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
Receipt or transmission of material that infringes the copyright of another person or infringes the Data Protection Act		✓								✓

Staff

Incidents:	Refer to line manager	Refer to e-safety officer	Refer to Headteacher	Refer to Local Authority / HR	Refer to Police	Refer to Technical Support Staff for action re filtering etc	Warning	Suspension	Disciplinary action
Deliberately accessing or trying to access material that could be considered illegal (see list in earlier section on unsuitable / inappropriate activities).	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Unauthorised downloading or uploading of inappropriate files	✓	✓	P	P			✓	P	P
Allowing unauthorised persons to access school network by sharing username and passwords or attempting to access or accessing the school network, using another person's account	✓	✓	P				✓		P
Careless use of personal data eg holding or transferring data in an insecure manner	✓	✓					✓		P
Deliberate actions to breach data protection or network security rules	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	✓			✓
Corrupting or destroying the data of other users or causing deliberate damage to hardware or software	✓	✓	✓	✓	P			P	✓
Sending an email, text or instant message that is regarded as offensive, harassment or of a bullying nature	✓	✓	✓	✓	P		✓	P	✓
Using personal email / social networking / instant messaging / text messaging to carrying out digital communications with students / students	✓	✓	P				✓		P
Actions which could bring the school into disrepute or breach the integrity of the ethos of the school	✓	✓	✓				✓		P
Using proxy sites or other means to subvert the school's filtering system	✓	✓	P			✓	✓		P
Deliberately accessing or trying to access offensive or pornographic material	✓	✓					✓	P	P
Breaching copyright or licensing regulations	✓	✓	P			✓	✓		P
Continued infringements of the above, following previous warnings or sanctions								✓	✓

Appendices

Can be found on the following pages:

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Silverdale Student / Pupil Acceptable Use Policy Agreement

School Policy

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This Acceptable Use Policy is intended to ensure:

- that young people will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other communications technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.
- that school ICT systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.

The school will try to ensure that students will have good access to ICT to enhance their learning and will, in return, expect the students to agree to be responsible users.

Acceptable Use Policy Agreement

I understand that I must use school ICT systems in a responsible way, for the safety of everyone and the ICT systems.

For my own personal safety:

- I understand that the school can monitor my use of the ICT systems, email and other digital communications.
- I will only use the school network when logged on with my user name and password and I will never try to interfere with other people's work or change their password
- I will not disclose or share personal information about myself or others when on-line or meet anyone met online without an adult present.
- I will immediately report any unpleasant or inappropriate material or messages or anything that makes me feel uncomfortable when on-line to teacher or parent
- I will not download or copy software, games, music, graphics, videos or text materials that are copyrighted
- I will not take, edit or distribute digital images of staff or students without their consent.
- I will only use my personal hand held / external devices (mobile phones / USB devices etc) in school if I have permission
- I will only use my school email for school work
- I will only use chat and social networking sites with permission and at the times that are allowed
- I will not play games unless given permission
- The school effectively filters inappropriate websites. I will not try to get around this
- I will never use bad language on the computers
- I will not copy material from the web and call it my own. This is called Plagiarism.
- I will not damage, or attempt to damage any computers, the computer systems or the network.
- I will not attempt to change any computer, monitor or software settings on any school computers.
- I will not eat or drink in the computer rooms.
- If I break any of these rules I will accept that I may have access to the computers barred and there may be other disciplinary action taken by the Head of ICT, Key Stage leaders or the Headteacher.

Please complete the sections on the next page to show that you have read, understood and agree to the rules included in the Acceptable Use Agreement. If you do not sign and return this agreement, access may not be granted to school ICT systems.

Student Acceptable Use Agreement Form

This form relates to the student Acceptable Use Policy (AUP), to which it is attached.

Please complete the sections below to show that you have read, understood and agree to the rules included in the Acceptable Use Agreement. If you do not sign and return this agreement, access will not be granted to school ICT systems.

I have read and understand the above and agree to follow these guidelines when:

- I use the school ICT systems and equipment (both in and out of school)
- I use my own equipment in school (when allowed) eg mobile phones, PDAs, cameras etc
- I use my own equipment out of school in a way that is related to me being a member of this school eg communicating with other members of the school, accessing school email, MLE, website etc.
- I understand that should the need arise, for educational or e-safety reasons, the school may access my work folders

Name of Student

Form

Signed

Date

Silverdale Staff (and Volunteer) Acceptable Use Policy Agreement

School Policy

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This Acceptable Use Policy is intended to ensure:

- that staff and volunteers will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other communications technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.
- that school ICT systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.
- that staff are protected from potential risk in their use of ICT in their everyday work.

The school will try to ensure that staff and volunteers will have good access to ICT to enhance their work, to enhance learning opportunities for *students* learning and will, in return, expect staff and volunteers to agree to be responsible users.

Acceptable Use Policy Agreement

I understand that I must use school ICT systems in a responsible way, to ensure that there is no risk to my safety or to the safety and security of the ICT systems and other users. I recognise the value of the use of ICT for enhancing learning and will ensure that students receive opportunities to gain from the use of ICT. I will, where possible, educate the young people in my care in the safe use of ICT and embed e-safety in my work with young people.

For my professional and personal safety:

- I understand that the school can monitor my use of the ICT systems, email and other digital communications.
- I understand that the rules set out in this agreement also apply to use of school ICT systems (eg laptops, email, MLE etc) out of school
- I understand that the school ICT systems are primarily intended for educational use and that I will only use the systems for personal or recreational use within the policies and rules set down by the school.
- I will not disclose my username or password to anyone else, nor will I try to use any other person's username and password.
- I will immediately report any illegal, inappropriate or harmful material or incident, I become aware of, to my line manager and the e-safety officer.

I will be professional in my communications and actions when using school ICT systems:

- I will not access, copy, remove or otherwise alter any other user's files, without their express permission.
- I will communicate with others in a professional manner, I will not use aggressive or inappropriate language and I appreciate that others may have different opinions.
- I will ensure that when I take and / or publish images of others I will do so with their permission and in accordance with the school's policy on the use of digital / video images. I will not use my personal equipment to record these images, unless I have permission to do so. Where these images are published (eg on the school website / MLE) it will not be possible to identify by name, or other personal information, those who are featured.
- I will only use educational collaboration networking sites in school
- I will only communicate with students / students and parents / carers using official school systems. Any such communication will be professional in tone and manner.
- I will not engage in any on-line activity that may compromise my professional responsibilities.

The school and the local authority have the responsibility to provide safe and secure access to technologies and ensure the smooth running of the school:

- I will not try to upload, download or access any materials which are illegal (child sexual abuse images, criminally racist material, adult pornography covered by the Obscene Publications Act) or inappropriate or may cause harm or distress to others. I will not try to use any programmes or software that might allow me to bypass the filtering / security systems in place to prevent access to such materials.
- If I will transport, hold, disclose or share personal information about myself or others outside the secure school network, it must be encrypted.

- I understand that data protection policy requires that any staff or student / pupil data to which I have access, will be kept private and confidential, except when it is deemed necessary that I am required by law or by school policy to disclose such information to an appropriate authority.
- I will immediately report any damage or faults involving equipment or software, however this may have happened.

When using the internet in my professional capacity or for school sanctioned personal use:

- I will ensure that I have permission to use the original work of others in my own work
- Where work is protected by copyright, I will not download or distribute copies (including music and videos).

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

- I understand that this Acceptable Use Policy applies not only to my work and use of school ICT equipment in school, but also applies to my use of school ICT systems and equipment out of school and my use of personal equipment in school or in situations related to my employment by the school.
- I understand that if I fail to comply with this Acceptable Use Policy Agreement, I could be subject to disciplinary action. This could include a warning, a suspension, referral to Governors and / or the Local Authority and in the event of illegal activities the involvement of the police.

I have read and understand the above and agree to use the school ICT systems (both in and out of school) and my own devices (in school and when carrying out communications related to the school) within these guidelines.

Staff / Volunteer Name

Signed

Date

Silverdale Parent / Carer Acceptable Use Policy Agreement

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This Acceptable Use Policy is intended to ensure:

- that young people will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other communications technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.
- that school ICT systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.
- that parents and carers are aware of the importance of e-safety and are involved in the education and guidance of young people with regard to their on-line behaviour.

The school will try to ensure that students will have good access to ICT to enhance their learning and will, in return, expect the students to agree to be responsible users. A copy of the Student Acceptable Use Policy is attached to this permission form, so that parents / carers will be aware of the school expectations of the young people in their care.

Parents are requested to sign the permission form below to show their support of the school in this important aspect of the school's work.

Permission Form

Parent / Carers Name

Student Name

As the parent / carer of the above students, I give permission for my son / daughter to have access to the internet and to ICT systems at school.

I know that my son / daughter has signed an Acceptable Use Agreement and has received, or will receive, e-safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of ICT – both in and out of school.

I understand that 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. I also understand that the school cannot ultimately be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed on the internet and using mobile technologies.

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

I will encourage my child to adopt safe use of the internet and digital technologies at home and will inform the school if I have concerns over my child's e-safety.

Signed

Date

Use of Digital / Video Images Policy

The use of digital / video images plays an important part in learning activities. Students and members of staff may use digital cameras to record evidence of activities in lessons and out of school. These images may then be used in presentations in subsequent lessons.

Images may also be used to celebrate success through their publication in newsletters, on the school website and occasionally in the public media,

The school will comply with the Data Protection Act and request parents / carers permission before taking images of members of the school. We will also ensure that when images are published that the young people cannot be identified by the use of their names.

Parents are requested to sign the permission form to allow the school to take and use images of their children.

Silverdale's Privacy Notice can be viewed at:

<http://www.silverdale.sheffield.sch.uk/about-us/privacy-notice/>

The Privacy Notice covers the provision of information to Connexions, the Government's support service for all 13 to 19 year olds. Under the Learning and Skills Act (2000) parents or students have the right to opt out from this, which means the Sheffield Children and Young People's Service is only able to pass on a pupil's name and address.

If you **do not** wish information other than name and address to be passed to Connexions, or for digital / images of your child/children to be used from time to time on the school website or in school displays and publications, please complete and return the slip below within 28 days of receiving this letter.

If you have any questions about how your child's data is stored and used, please do not hesitate to contact our Data and Networks Administration Manager, Alan Wenham.

Silverdale School Senior Team

Silverdale School recognises that your privacy is important to you. All information you provide or have provided will be kept confidential and stored within a secure computer database or otherwise, by Silverdale School and Sheffield Local Authority, under strictly regulated conditions in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998.

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PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO STUDENT RECEPTION

(FAO Silverdale School Management Information Team)

Pupil(s) Name(s):

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

- I do not give my permission for Connexions to receive information about my child / children (tick box)
- I do not give my permission for Silverdale School to use digital / video images of my child / children on the school website or in displays and publications (tick box)

Silverdale Filtering Policy

YHGfL schools automatically receive a filtered broadband service

This service is intended to prevent users accessing material that would be regarded as illegal and / or inappropriate in an educational environment. Because the content on the web changes dynamically and new technologies are constantly being developed, it is not possible for any filtering service to be 100% effective. It is important, therefore, to understand that filtering is only one element in a larger strategy for e-safety and acceptable use.

The YHGfL filtering and onsite filtering service provides flexibility for schools to decide on their own levels of filtering security. It is possible to add to or override some of the sites filtered by YHGfL.

Introduction

The filtering of internet content provides an important means of preventing users from accessing material that is illegal or is inappropriate in an educational context. The filtering system cannot, however, provide a 100% guarantee that it will do so. Silverdale has a filtering policy to manage the associated risks and to provide preventative measures which are relevant to the situation in this school.

As a part of the Yorkshire and Humberside Grid for Learning (YHGfL), Silverdale automatically receives the benefits of a managed filtering service.

Responsibilities

The responsibility for the management of the school's filtering policy will be held ICT Technical team. They will manage the school filtering, in line with this policy and will keep records / logs of changes and of breaches of the filtering systems.

To ensure that there is a system of checks and balances and to protect those responsible, changes to the YHGfL filtering service must be authorised by the E-safety coordinator or ICT Strategic Manager.

All users have a responsibility to report immediately to ICT Strategic Manager or E-safety coordinator any infringements of the school's filtering policy of which they become aware or any sites that are accessed, which they believe should have been filtered.

Users must not attempt to use any programmes or software that might allow them to bypass the filtering / security systems in place to prevent access to such materials.

Education / Training / Awareness

Students will be made aware of the importance of filtering systems through the e-safety education programme. They will also be warned of the consequences of attempting to subvert the filtering system.

Staff users will be made aware of the filtering systems through:

- signing the AUP
- induction training

Parents will be informed of the school's filtering policy through the Acceptable Use agreement, the school website and through e-safety awareness sessions

Changes to the Filtering System

Changes to the web filtering can be requested by staff or the ICT Coordinator via ICT Technical team.

A site may be requested to be blocked if it is deemed to be inappropriate for an educational establishment. Likewise sites may be requested to be unblocked if teachers want access to them for educational purposes.

Whenever necessary the views of SLT are to be consulted. YHGfL and ICT Technical team audit the changes to the filtering

Users who gain access to, or have knowledge of others being able to access, sites which they feel should be filtered (or unfiltered) should report this in the first instance to the ICT Strategic manager or E-safety coordinator who will decide whether the site should be filtered (or unfiltered) at YHGfL level.

Silverdale Password Security Policy

Introduction

ICT Technical team is responsible for ensuring that the school network is as safe and secure as is reasonably possible and that:

- users can only access data to which they have right of access
- no user should be able to access another's files, without permission (or as allowed for monitoring purposes within the school's policies).
- access to personal data is securely controlled in line with the school's personal data policy
- logs are maintained of access by users and of their actions while users of the system

A safe and secure username / password system is essential if the above is to be established and will apply to all school ICT systems, including email and Managed Learning Environment (MLE).

Responsibilities

The management of the password security policy will be the responsibility of ICT Technical team

All users (adults and young people) will have responsibility for the security of their username and password. They must not allow other users to access the systems using their log on details and must immediately report any suspicion or evidence that there has been a breach of security.

Passwords for new users are allocated by the Silverdale ICT Technical Team.

Replacement passwords for existing users can be allocated by the ICT Technical Team.

Users will change their passwords every 90 days

Training / Awareness

Members of staff will be made aware of the school's password policy:

- at induction
- through the school's e-safety policy and password security policy
- through the Acceptable Use Agreement

Students will be made aware of the school's password policy:

- in ICT and / or e-safety lessons (the school should describe how this will take place)
- through the Acceptable Use Agreement

Policy Statements

All users will have clearly defined access rights to school ICT systems. Details of the access rights available to groups of users will be recorded by ICT Technical team and will be reviewed, at least annually, by the E-Safety Co-ordinator.

All users will be provided with a username and password by ICT Technical Team

The following rules apply to the use of passwords:

- passwords must be changed every 90 days
- passwords cannot be re-used
- the password should be a minimum of 7 characters long and must include – uppercase character, lowercase character, number
- teachers can change student passwords using the password reset tool, ICT Technical Team can change staff passwords

Audit / Monitoring / Reporting / Review

The ICT Technical Team will ensure that full records are kept of user names

User lists and other security related information must be given the highest security classification and stored in a secure manner.

This policy will be regularly reviewed (preferably annually) in response to changes in guidance and evidence gained from the logs.

ICT Technical team statement on passwords and data security 16/07/13

E-Safety Password and Security Infrastructure

Password

Silverdale School have a ninety day password re-set policy in place across all users, teachers, students and admin assistants.

At the end of each ninety day period users will be prompted to re-set their existing password with a new one. When re-setting a password the system will initially prompt users to enter their current password and then go on to ask them to enter a new one which as a precaution measure they are then required to re-confirm.

Passwords need to consist of seven or more characters containing: upper and lower case characters, number or symbol.

Silverdale Personal Data Handling Policy

Introduction

Silverdale does everything within its power to ensure the safety and security of any material of a personal or sensitive nature

It is the responsibility of all members of the school community to take care when handling, using or transferring personal data that it can not be accessed by anyone who does not:

- have permission to access that data
- need to have access to that data.

Any loss of personal data can have serious effects for individuals and / or institutions concerned, can bring the school into disrepute and may well result in disciplinary action and / or criminal prosecution. All transfer of data is subject to risk of loss or contamination.

Anyone who has access to personal data must know, understand and adhere to this policy, which brings together the legal requirements contained in relevant data legislation and relevant regulations and guidance from the Local Authority.

The Data Protection Act (1998) lays down a set of rules for processing of personal data (both structured manual records and digital records). It provides individuals (data subjects) with rights of access and security and requires users of data (data processors) to be open about how it is used and to follow “good information handling principles”.

Policy Statements

The school will hold the minimum personal information necessary to enable it to perform its function and information will be erased once the need to hold it has passed.

Every effort will be made to ensure that information is accurate, up to date and that inaccuracies are corrected without unnecessary delay.

All personal data will be fairly obtained in accordance with the “Fair Processing Code” and lawfully processed in accordance with the “Conditions for Processing”.

Personal Data

The school and individuals will have access to a wide range of personal information and data. The data may be held in digital format or on paper records. Personal data is defined as any combination of data items that identifies an individual and provides specific information about them, their families or circumstances. This will include:

- Personal information about members of the school community – including students, members of staff and parents and carers eg names, addresses, contact details, legal guardianship / contact details, health records, disciplinary records
- Curricular / academic data eg class lists, student progress records, reports, references
- Professional records eg employment history, taxation and national insurance records, appraisal records and references
- Any other information that might be disclosed by parents / carers or by other agencies working with families or staff members

Responsibilities

The Data Manager will keep up to date with current legislation and guidance and will:

- determine and take responsibility for the school’s information risk policy and risk assessment

Everyone in the school has the responsibility of handling protected or sensitive data in a safe and secure manner.

Governors are required to comply fully with this policy in the event that they have access to personal data, when engaged in their role as a Governor.

Registration

The school is registered as a Data Controller on the Data Protection Register held by the Information Commissioner.

Information to Parents / Carers – the “Fair Processing Notice”

Under the “Fair Processing” requirements in the Data Protection Act, the school will inform parents / carers of all students of the data they hold on the students, the purposes for which the data is held and the third parties (eg LA, DCSF, QCA, Connexions etc) to whom it may be passed. This fair processing notice will be passed to parents / carers through ... (to be inserted – schools might choose to use the Prospectus, newsletters, reports or a specific letter / communication). Parents / carers of young people who are new to the school will be provided with the fair processing notice through. (to be inserted – as above)

A copy of a specimen fair processing notice can be found at:

<http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/management/ims/datamanagement/fpnstudents/>. It contains a relevant wording for the regulations pertaining to the transfer of information to Connexions, in secondary schools and new requirements resulting from the introduction of Contact Point. A new specimen FPN is available for 2008/9. Schools are advised to contact their Local Authority for local versions of the Fair Processing Notice.

Training & awareness

All staff will receive data handling awareness / data protection training and will be made aware of their responsibilities, as described in this policy through:

- Induction training for new staff
- Staff meetings / briefings / Inset
- Day to day support and guidance from Information Asset Owners

Release and destruction markings will be shown in the footer as follows: (the table below is taken from Becta guidance.)

[Release]	[Parties]	[Restrictions]	[Encrypt, Securely delete or shred]
The authority descriptor	The individuals or organisations the information may be released to	Descriptor tailored to the specific individual	How the document should be destroyed
Examples:			
Senior Information Risk Owner	School use only	No internet access No photos	Securely delete or shred
Teacher	Mother only	No information to father ASBO	Securely delete or shred

Secure Storage of and access to data

Silverdale will ensure that ICT systems are set up so that the existence of protected files is hidden from unauthorised users and that users will be assigned a clearance that will determine which files are accessible to them.

All users will be given secure user names and strong passwords which must be changed regularly, user names and passwords must never be shared.

Personal data may only be accessed on machines that are securely password protected. Any device that can be used to access data must be locked if left (even for very short periods) and set to auto lock if not used for five minutes.

All storage media must be stored in an appropriately secure and safe environment that avoids physical risk, loss or electronic degradation.

Personal data can only be stored on school equipment (this includes computers and portable storage media) (where allowed). Private equipment (ie owned by the users) must not be used.

When personal data is stored on any portable computer system, USB stick or any other removable media:

- the data must be encrypted and password protected
- the device must be password protected (many memory sticks / cards and other mobile devices cannot be password protected)
- the device must offer approved virus and malware checking software
- the data must be securely deleted from the device, in line with school policy (below) once it has been transferred or its use is complete

The school has clear policy and procedures for the automatic backing up, accessing and restoring all data held on school systems, including off-site backups.

The school recognises that under Section 7 of the Data Protection Act, data subjects have a number of rights in connection with their personal data, the main one being the right of access. Procedures are in place to deal with school records ie. a written request to see all or a part of the personal data held by the data controller in connection with the data subject. Data subjects have the right to know: if the data controller holds personal data about them; a description of that data; the purpose for which the data is processed; the sources of that data; to whom the data may be disclosed; and a copy of all the personal data that is held about them. Under certain circumstances the data subject can also exercise rights in connection with the rectification; blocking; erasure and destruction of data.

Secure transfer of data and access out of school

The school recognises that personal data may be accessed by users out of school, or transferred to the LA or other agencies. In these circumstances:

- Users may not remove or copy sensitive or personal data from the school or authorised premises without permission and unless the media is encrypted and password protected and is transported securely for storage in a secure location. (see earlier section – LA / school policies may forbid such transfer)
- Users must take particular care that computers or removable devices which contain personal data must not be accessed by other users (eg family members) when out of school.
- When data is required by an authorised user from outside the school premises (for example, by a teacher or student working from their home or a contractor) they must have secure remote access to the management information system (MIS) or learning platform.
- Users must protect all portable and mobile devices, including media, used to store and transmit personal information using approved encryption software.
- Particular care should be taken if data is taken or transferred to another country, particularly outside Europe, and advice should be taken from the local authority in this event. (nb. to carry encrypted material is illegal in some countries)

Disposal of data

The school will comply with the requirements for the safe destruction of personal data when it is no longer required.

The disposal of protected data, in either paper or electronic form, must be conducted in a way that makes reconstruction highly unlikely. Electronic files must be securely overwritten, in accordance with government guidance (see further reading section for reference to the Cabinet Office guidance), and other media must be shredded, incinerated or otherwise disintegrated for data.

Audit Logging / Reporting / Incident Handling

As required by the “Data Handling Procedures in Government” document, the activities of data users, in respect of electronically held personal information, will be logged and these logs will be monitored by responsible individuals: Senior Leadership team, Safeguarding and Intervention Manager, ICT Coordinator.

The school has a policy for reporting, managing and recovering from information risk incidents, which establishes:

- a “responsible person” for each incident
- a communications plan, including escalation procedures
- and results in a plan of action for rapid resolution and
- a plan of action of non-recurrence and further awareness raising.

All significant data protection incidents must be reported to the Headteacher.

Further reading

Office of the Information Commissioner website:

<http://www.ico.org.uk/>

Office of the Information Commissioner – guidance notes: Access to pupil’s information held by schools in England:

http://www.ico.org.uk/for_organisations/sector_guides/~media/documents/library/Data_Protection/Detailed_specialist_guides/technical_guidance_note_access_to_pupils_in_formation_held_by_schools_in_england.ashx

Cabinet Office – Data handling procedures in Government – a final report (June 2008)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/data-handling-procedures-in-government>

E-Safety – Silverdale Charter for Action

Name of School

Name of Local Authority

We are working with staff, students and parents / carers to create a school community which values the use of new technologies in enhancing learning, encourages responsible use of ICT, and follows agreed policies to minimise potential e-safety risks.

Our school community

Discusses, monitors and reviews our e-safety **policy** on a regular basis. Good practice suggests the policy should be reviewed annually or at most every two years.

Supports **staff** in the use of ICT as an essential tool for enhancing learning and in the embedding of e-safety across the whole school curriculum.

Ensures that **students** are aware, through e-safety education, of the potential e-safety risks associated with the use of ICT and mobile technologies, that all e-safety concerns will be dealt with sensitively and effectively; that students feel able and safe to report incidents; and that students abide by the school's e-safety policy.

Provides opportunities for **parents/carers** to receive e-safety education and information, to enable them to support their children in developing good e-safety behaviour. The school will report back to parents / carers regarding e-safety concerns. Parents/carers in turn work with the school to uphold the e-safety policy.

Seeks to learn from e-safety good practice elsewhere and utilises the support of the **LA, SWGfL and relevant organisations** when appropriate.

Chair of Governors

Headteacher

Pupil Representative

Legislation

Schools should be aware of the legislative framework under which this E-Safety Policy template and guidance has been produced. It is important to note that in general terms an action that is illegal if committed offline is also illegal if committed online.

It is recommended that legal advice is sought in the advent of an e safety issue or situation.

Computer Misuse Act 1990

This Act makes it an offence to:

- Erase or amend data or programs without authority;
- Obtain unauthorised access to a computer;
- “Eavesdrop” on a computer;
- Make unauthorised use of computer time or facilities;
- Maliciously corrupt or erase data or programs;
- Deny access to authorised users.

Data Protection Act 1998

This protects the rights and privacy of individual’s data. To comply with the law, information about individuals must be collected and used fairly, stored safely and securely and not disclosed to any third party unlawfully. The Act states that person data must be:

- Fairly and lawfully processed.
- Processed for limited purposes.
- Adequate, relevant and not excessive.
- Accurate.
- Not kept longer than necessary.
- Processed in accordance with the data subject’s rights.
- Secure.
- Not transferred to other countries without adequate protection.

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Freedom of Information Act gives individuals the right to request information held by public authorities. All public authorities and companies wholly owned by public authorities have obligations under the Freedom of Information Act. When responding to requests, they have to follow a number of set procedures.

Communications Act 2003

Sending by means of the Internet a message or other matter that is grossly offensive or of an indecent, obscene or menacing character; or sending a false message by means of or persistently making use of the Internet for the purpose of causing annoyance, inconvenience or needless anxiety is guilty of an offence liable, on conviction, to imprisonment. This wording is important because an offence is complete as soon as the message has been sent: there is no need to prove any intent or purpose.

Malicious Communications Act 1988

It is an offence to send an indecent, offensive, or threatening letter, electronic communication or other article to another person.

Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

It is an offence for any person to intentionally and without lawful authority intercept any communication. Monitoring or keeping a record of any form of electronic communications is permitted, in order to:

- Establish the facts;
- Ascertain compliance with regulatory or self-regulatory practices or procedures;
- Demonstrate standards, which are or ought to be achieved by persons using the system;
- Investigate or detect unauthorised use of the communications system;
- Prevent or detect crime or in the interests of national security;
- Ensure the effective operation of the system.
- Monitoring but not recording is also permissible in order to:
 - Ascertain whether the communication is business or personal;
 - Protect or support help line staff.
- The school reserves the right to monitor its systems and communications in line with its rights under this act.

Trade Marks Act 1994

This provides protection for Registered Trade Marks, which can be any symbol (words, shapes or images) that are associated with a particular set of goods or services. Registered Trade Marks must not be used without permission. This can also arise from using a Mark that is confusingly similar to an existing Mark.

Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

It is an offence to copy all, or a substantial part of a copyright work. There are, however, certain limited user permissions, such as fair dealing, which means under certain circumstances permission is not needed to copy small amounts for non-commercial research or private study. The Act also provides for Moral Rights, whereby authors can sue if their name is not included in a work they wrote, or if the work has been amended in such a way as to impugn their reputation. Copyright covers materials in print and electronic form, and includes words, images, and sounds, moving images, TV broadcasts and other media (e.g. YouTube).

Telecommunications Act 1984

It is an offence to send a message or other matter that is grossly offensive or of an indecent, obscene or menacing character. It is also an offence to send a message that is intended to cause annoyance, inconvenience or needless anxiety to another that the sender knows to be false.

Criminal Justice & Public Order Act 1994

This defines a criminal offence of intentional harassment, which covers all forms of harassment, including sexual. A person is guilty of an offence if, with intent to cause a person harassment, alarm or distress, they: -

- Use threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour, or disorderly behaviour; or
- Display any writing, sign or other visible representation, which is threatening, abusive or insulting, thereby causing that or another person harassment, alarm or distress.

Racial and Religious Hatred Act 2006

This Act makes it a criminal offence to threaten people because of their faith, or to stir up religious hatred by displaying, publishing or distributing written material which is threatening. Other laws already protect people from threats based on their race, nationality or ethnic background.

Protection from Harassment Act 1997

A person must not pursue a course of conduct, which amounts to harassment of another, and which he knows or ought to know amounts to harassment of the other. A person whose course of conduct causes another to fear, on at least two occasions, that violence will be used against him is guilty of an offence if he knows or ought to know that his course of conduct will cause the other so to fear on each of those occasions.

Protection of Children Act 1978

It is an offence to take, permit to be taken, make, possess, show, distribute or advertise indecent images of children in the United Kingdom. A child for these purposes is anyone under the age of 18. Viewing an indecent image of a child on your computer means that you have made a digital image. An image of a child also covers pseudo-photographs (digitally collated or otherwise). A person convicted of such an offence may face up to 10 years in prison

Sexual Offences Act 2003

The new grooming offence is committed if you are over 18 and have communicated with a child under 16 at least twice (including by phone or using the Internet) it is an offence to meet them or travel to meet them anywhere in the world with the intention of committing a sexual offence. Causing a child under 16 to watch a sexual act is illegal, including looking at images such as videos, photos or webcams, for your own gratification. It is also an offence for a person in a position of trust to engage in sexual activity with any person under 18, with whom they are in a position of trust. (Typically, teachers, social workers, health professionals, connexions staff fall in this category of trust). Any sexual intercourse with a child under the age of 13 commits the offence of rape.

Public Order Act 1986

This Act makes it a criminal offence to stir up racial hatred by displaying, publishing or distributing written material which is threatening. Like the Racial and Religious Hatred Act 2006 it also makes the possession of inflammatory material with a view of releasing it a criminal offence. Children, Families and Education Directorate page 38 April 2007.

Obscene Publications Act 1959 and 1964

Publishing an “obscene” article is a criminal offence. Publishing includes electronic transmission.

Human Rights Act 1998

This does not deal with any particular issue specifically or any discrete subject area within the law. It is a type of “higher law”, affecting all other laws. In the school context, human rights to be aware of include:

- The right to a fair trial
- The right to respect for private and family life, home and correspondence
- Freedom of thought, conscience and religion
- Freedom of expression
- Freedom of assembly
- Prohibition of discrimination
- The right to education

These rights are not absolute. The school is obliged to respect these rights and freedoms, balancing them against those rights, duties and obligations, which arise from other relevant legislation.

The Education and Inspections Act 2006

Empowers Headteachers, to such extent as is reasonable, to regulate the behaviour of students / students when they are off the school site and empowers members of staff to impose disciplinary penalties for inappropriate behaviour.

Links to other organisations or documents

The following links may help those who are developing or reviewing a school e-safety policy.

Safer Internet

<http://www.saferinternet.org/>

Yorkshire and Humber Grid for Learning

<http://www.yhgfl.net/>

Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP)

<http://ceop.police.uk/>

ThinkUKnow

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

CHILDNET

<http://www.childnet.com/>

INSAFE

<http://www.saferinternet.org/>

LONDON GRID FOR LEARNING

<http://www.lgfl.net/Pages/default.aspx>

KENT NGfL

http://www.kenttrustweb.org.uk/kentict/kentict_home.cfm

NORTHERN GRID

<http://www.northerngrid.org/>

NATIONAL EDUCATION NETWORK

NEN E-Safety Audit Tool:

http://www.nen.gov.uk/hot_topic/13/nen-e-safety-audit-tool.html

CYBER-BULLYING

DCSF - Cyberbullying guidance:

http://www.digizen.org/downloads/cyberbullying_teachers.pdf

Anti-Bullying Network:

<http://www.antibullying.net/cyberbullying1.htm>

Cyberbullying.org :

<http://www.cyberbullying.org/>

References to other relevant anti-bullying organisations can be found in the appendix to the DCSF publication “Safe to Learn” (see above)

SOCIAL NETWORKING

Information Commissioners office - Social Networking Guidance -

<http://www.ico.org.uk/Youth/section3/intro>

Ofcom Report:

<http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/market-data-research/media-literacy/archive/medlitpub/medlitpubrss/socialnetworking/summary/>

MOBILE TECHNOLOGIES

“How mobile phones help learning in secondary schools”:

http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20101102103654/http://emergingtechnologies.becta.org.uk/upload-dir/downloads/page_documents/research/lsri_report.pdf

DATA PROTECTION AND INFORMATION HANDLING

Information Commissioners Office - Data Protection:

http://www.ico.org.uk/for_organisations/data_protection

PARENTS GUIDES TO NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND SOCIAL NETWORKING:

<http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Get%20With%20It%20low%20res.pdf/Files/Get%20With%20It%20low%20res.pdf>

Resources

Links to other resource providers:

Kidsmart: <http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/default.aspx>

Know It All - <http://www.childnet.com/resources/kia/>

Cybersmart - <http://www.common sense media.org/educators/curriculum/home/>

Chatdanger - <http://www.chatdanger.com/>

Internet Watch Foundation: <http://www.iwf.org.uk/>

Digizen – cyber-bullying films: <http://www.digizen.org/resources/cyberbullying/overview/>

London Grid for Learning: <http://www.lgfl.net/esafety/Pages/safeguarding.aspx?click-source=nav-toplevel>

Glossary of terms

AUP	Acceptable Use Policy – see templates earlier in this document
Becta	British Educational Communications and Technology Agency (Government agency promoting the use of information and communications technology)
CEOP	Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (part of UK Police, dedicated to protecting children from sexual abuse, providers of the Think U Know programmes).
CPD	Continuous Professional Development
CYPS	Children and Young Peoples Services (in Local Authorities)
DCSF	Department for Children, Schools and Families
ECM	Every Child Matters
FOSI	Family Online Safety Institute
HSTF	Home Secretary’s Task Force on Child Protection on the Internet
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
INSET	In Service Education and Training
IP address	The label that identifies each computer to other computers using the IP (internet protocol)
ISP	Internet Service Provider
ISPA	Internet Service Providers’ Association
IWF	Internet Watch Foundation
KS1 ..	Key Stage 1 (2, 3, 4 or 5) – schools are structured within these multiple age groups eg KS3 = years 7 to 9 (age 11 to 14)
LA	Local Authority
LAN	Local Area Network
Learning Platform	A learning platform brings together hardware, software and supporting services to support teaching, learning, management and administration.
LSCB	Local Safeguarding Children Board
MIS	Management Information System
MLE	Managed Learning Environment
NEN	National Education Network – works with the Regional Broadband Consortia (eg SWGfL) to provide the safe broadband provision to schools across Britain.
Ofcom	Office of Communications (Independent communications sector regulator)
Ofsted	Office for Standards in Education, Children’s Services and Skills
PDA	Personal Digital Assistant (handheld device)
PHSE	Personal, Health and Social Education
RBC	Regional Broadband Consortia (eg SWGfL) have been established to procure broadband connectivity for schools in England. There are 10 RBCs covering 139 of the 150 local authorities:
SEF	Self Evaluation Form – used by schools for self evaluation and reviewed by Ofsted prior to visiting schools for an inspection
SRF	Self Review Form – a tool used by schools to evaluate the quality of their ICT provision.

- YHGfL** Yorkshire and Humberside Grid for Learning – the Regional Broadband Consortium of Yorkshire and Humberside Local Authorities – is the provider of broadband and other services for schools and other organisations.
- TUK** Think U Know – educational e-safety programmes for schools, young people and parents.
- VLE** Virtual Learning Environment (a software system designed to support teaching and learning in an educational setting,
- WAP** Wireless Application Protocol