



E-SAFETY POLICY: INTRODUCTORY NOTES

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ESafety Policy

Dr Tanya Byron's Review and report to Government (2008), "Safer Children in a Digital World", stated: "one of the strongest messages I have received during my review was about the role that schools and other services for children and families have to play in equipping children and their parents to stay safe online".

At Taunton School we believe wholeheartedly that while equipping our pupils to shape a changing world in the 21st Century we must help them to use the relevant technologies responsibly, effectively and safely. Despite the many advantages of new digital technologies there are associated risks. We aim to raise awareness of these risks with pupils and to help them to avoid difficult situations. As with most risks, it is impossible to eliminate them completely but we aim to equip pupils with the skills to face and deal with them. The most important guiding principle is that we focus on student behaviour and not the technology per se.

The relevant Acceptable Use Policies define how the School systems should be used responsibly by staff and by pupils and the sanctions they should expect if these policies are not followed. We place a strong emphasis on educating pupils on the safe and responsible use of computers, smart phones and other technologies. Our strategies include:

- an age appropriate Esafety programme provided through the PSHEE syllabus and ICT lessons which includes how to conduct oneself on social networking sites and the relevance of "stranger danger" in a digital environment;
- from time to time external speakers are invited to address particular issues with individual year groups and/or parents;
- relevant external training for the Designated Person (Child Protection);
- esafety is included in staff INSET sessions;
- information requiring dissemination to pupils and parents is delivered on a timely basis through assemblies and The Courier (for example when websites emerge that can be used to bully pupils).
- we ensure that the ICT infrastructure is safe and secure through a number of controls including website filtering, secure passwords and monitoring.
- our anti bullying policy has a detailed section on Cyberbullying and includes advice for pupils if they feel that they have been targeted.

Our approach is designed to ensure that pupils have the skills to ensure that they remain safe on the School system and beyond the "School gates". Our antibullying policy is very clear that misconduct of any kind outside School will be subject to School discipline if the welfare of another pupil.....is put at risk. Although this applies to any aspect of bullying it is particularly appropriate to Cyberbullying.

We aim to provide an environment in which pupils, parents and staff discuss issues positively and openly and anyone who feels they need to discuss any aspect of Esafety should contact the relevant House Staff (pupils and parents) or their line manager (staff).

Detailed information can be found in the following sections which should be read in conjunction with the Safeguarding Policy and the Antibullying Policy.

1. Acceptable Use Policy (Staff)
2. Acceptable Use Policy (Pupils)
3. Email etiquette
4. Keeping safe in the digital age (Guidance for Pupils).
5. Internet Safety (Guidance for Parents)

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