



Much Woolton Catholic Primary School

'With Jesus we Love, Learn and Grow'

School Policy for Safer Internet

Approved by the Governing body in October 2023

Signed _____ Chair of Governors

Signed _____ Head teacher

To be reviewed and revised in October 2025

MISSION STATEMENT

With Jesus we Love, Learn and Grow

To do this we will:

- Be a Christian community that follows Jesus in living out Gospel values. (Christ centred)
- Provide opportunities for all to grow and achieve their full potential, by igniting a desire for lifelong learning. (Education)
- Be a beacon of light that shines out to others, sharing faith, hope and love. (Community)

Objectives:

(Christ Centred)

- Provide quality collective worship and enriching liturgical celebrations.
- Enable our children to acquire an excellent religious education, through a well taught and resourced Come and See programme.
- Encourage all to develop their understanding of and relationship with God, while at the same time respecting that others choose to express their faith in different ways.
- Be positive role models, who treat each other with respect and are willing to forgive and be forgiven.

(Education)

- Provide a stimulating curriculum, which is fun, challenging and relevant to the needs of our children.
- Value all our pupils and staff, appreciating their uniqueness and individual talents, enabling them to develop these to the full.
- Have high expectations of ourselves and each other, in all that we do.
- Ensure that all children reach their full potential through effective planning, assessment and evaluation, which will inform their next steps.

(Community)

- Create a positive atmosphere where all feel valued and are welcomed into our school community.
- Develop positive links between the school and parish community.
- Learn about and appreciate other faiths and cultures.
- Use our talents as responsible citizens to enrich the lives of others in our local and the global community.

Teaching & Learning

The purpose of Internet use in school is to raise standards to promote pupil achievement, to support the professional work of staff and to enhance the school's management information and business administration systems.

- Our school has a duty to provide staff and pupils with quality internet access as part of their learning/teaching experience.
- Internet use is a statutory part of the Computing curriculum. The Internet is used regularly in all areas of our curriculum, including creativity.
- Our pupils are educated in the effective use of internet research and how to stay safe online.
- Internet Access Internet access in our school is filtered for pupil use and is appropriate to the age of our pupils.
- Our filters and security strategies are provided by Mersey Grid For Learning (MGL) via Virgin Broadband however they are monitored closely by the school and measures are taken as and when required.
- Virus software is present on all PC's and laptops and updated regularly.
- Pupils are taught what Internet use is acceptable and unacceptable and are always given clear guidelines for internet use.
- Pupils are taught to be aware of what materials they read. Key Stage 2 pupils are encouraged to validate information before accepting its accuracy.
- Pupils are taught what to do if they experience materials that they find inappropriate or threatening, both at home and in school.
- No pupils are allowed to email unless part of a class project which is fully supervised by a member of staff.
- Personal emailing between staff and pupils is not permitted.
- Contact details on our school website shall remain as the school address, school email and telephone number.
- Staff or pupils personal information will not be published.
- The Headteacher and leadership team will take overall responsibility and ensure that content published is accurate and appropriate.
- Class Teachers are permitted to upload suitable resources to their Year Group pages. Year group passwords must not to be disclosed to any pupils.
- Pupils full names will not be issued anywhere on the website particularly in association with photographs.
- Permission from parents must always be sought before any photographs are added to website or published in the media.
- Links to homework activities may be added to Year Group pages for children to access easily.

Social Networking/Chat/Instant Messaging

- The school blocks/ filters all social networking sites.
- The school block access to all public or unregulated chat rooms.
- Cyber bullying is strictly forbidden.
- Some Social Networking sites may be unblocked for e-safety training purposes and parents would be informed of this beforehand.
- All Staff (including peripatetic), Governors and pupils are advised not to give out

personal details of any kind.

- Staff and Governors are advised not to add pupils or parents as 'friends' and to keep their digital foot print as small as possible.
- Training for parents and staff will be given regularly through the school website, letters sent home via children or parent mail and outside training/speakers.
- Parents are asked not to air complaints about the school on social media sites and follow the correct channels in these cases. Parents have signed to agree to this on our Home School Agreement.

Photographs, Videos & Mobile Phones

- Staff and pupils must only use school equipment to take photographs or videos.
- Care should be taken that all pupils are appropriately dressed.
- Pupils must seek permission before using any cameras or video devices.
- Key Stage 2 pupils are allowed to bring mobile phones to school but they must be handed in first thing. The school cannot be held responsible if any mobile phones are lost, stolen or damaged whilst on school premises.
- Staff, Governors, Pupils or Parents are asked not to use personal cameras, including mobile phone cameras in and around our school.
- Special permission for parents to photograph or video their children may be granted during special occasions by the Headteacher (ie. Christmas productions, music concerts etc.) but parents will be asked to agree verbally not to upload any images or videos of other children that could be used on social networking sites or the internet.

Authorising Internet Access

- All Staff, Governors and Pupils must read and conform to the school's Acceptable User Policy.
- Records will be kept of any incidents that occur that may breach our school's e-safety guidelines by both pupils and staff.
- Complaints of internet misuse or issues of a child protection nature must be dealt with in accordance with our school child protection procedure.
- Staff and pupils are aware that network and internet use is continually monitored.
- All staff will be given a copy of the school e-safety policy and acceptable user policy.
- They will sign to agree to the advice given. All staff are aware that discretion and professional conduct is essential.
- Visitors to our school including supply teachers and students are advised of our safeguarding and e-safety policies and procedures via a leaflet in the school reception.