



# Home Learning and Technology Policy

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## **Scope of the Policy**

The regulation and use of technical solutions to safeguard children are important but must be balanced with teaching the necessary skills to enable pupils to take responsibility for their own safety in an ever changing digital world. The National Computing Curriculum states that children should be able to use technology safely, respectfully, and responsibly keeping personal information private, recognise acceptable or unacceptable behaviour and identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact. Children's safety is paramount and they will receive the help, guidance and support through the whole curriculum to enable them to recognise and avoid online risks and to build their resilience. During the delivery of the curriculum staff will reinforce and consolidate safe online learning.

This policy applies to all members of the school community who have access to and are users of school ICT systems and online resources, both in and out of school.

The school will deal with incidents as outlined within the Computing policy, within the remit of their safeguarding, behaviour and anti-bullying policies (and others when applicable).

## **Schools Use of Online Technologies**

- SLT have agreed the technologies to be used when communicating with pupils during any period of home learning
- Training and support in the use of home learning technologies is provided for staff
- When / if using live video or audio, school will ensure that all teachers and pupils are aware of expected behaviour and appearance by using the Online AUP video from Bolton SICT
- Any staff involved in a live audio or video chat with pupils 1:1, must adhere to the guidelines contained in the safeguarding policy
- Teachers will discuss with their pupils how to be good Digital Citizens, including keeping personal information safe and the importance of taking regular screen breaks
- Teachers plan suitable activities to support home learning using a range of preapproved resources from the Learning Hub / Purple Mash / TT Rockstars / LBQ / Reading Eggs/ Reading Eggspress / White Rose Maths Premium Resources/ My Maths/ Spelling Shed/ CEOP
- Teachers' expectations of the quantity and quality of work undertaken at home by pupils are adjusted accordingly
- Marking of work will take place when deemed necessary. School has chosen to feedback in a variety of ways including written/verbal comments, as well as using the praise options available in some of the technology used. Children's misconceptions will always be commented upon and scaffolding put in place to aid further understanding
- For the health and wellbeing of our pupils not all activities are screen based
- Schools will offer support and guidance to parents/carers on how best support their child at home with regard to their use of technology

## **Pupils and Parents use of Online Technologies**

- Parents understand that the use of innovative online technologies enables school to deliver learning opportunities during unprecedented circumstances
- Parents should encourage their children to adopt safe use of the internet and digital technologies at home and will inform the school if they have concerns over their child's online safety
- Parents are aware that school will offer guidance and help them understand how they can best support their children and how to adjust their own expectations
- Children are encouraged to report any concerns they may have to a member of staff

- Children will conduct themselves in a manner that is conducive to learning
- Parents who don't have access to digital technologies and the internet will be provided with devices upon request wherever possible, a Technology Loan Agreement must be completed and adhered to

### **Equality of provision**

- Alternative ways of completing tasks can be outlined to children so that technology is not essential
- School to identify a named point of contact in school for families to approach over technical support around home learning – in most instances, this will be the class teacher
- Upon request, devices may be discretely offered to families to support home learning. A Technology Loan Agreement must be completed and adhered to