E-SAFETY POLICY

At Upton upon Severn CofE Primary School we enjoy technology and seek to provide the best learning experiences to our pupils by harnessing ICT. Whilst doing this we recognise the need to safeguard our pupils and staff when using technology. We seek to remain vigilant as we embrace new technologies and their potential benefits to learning.

Upton upon Severn CofE Primary School is committed to safeguarding adults and children who access our provision. We recognise the online world presents many benefits and opportunities for learning but there are also risks that we need to be aware of and seek to safeguard against. As such this eSafety policy is a key element of our safeguarding approach. Whilst Upton upon Severn CofE Primary School takes every precaution we acknowledge it is not possible to block or ban all the potential dangers of using the internet or existing/ emerging technology. Therefore our eSafety approach includes strong system safety measures but recognises education and preparation of children using technology is equally a key element of ensuring safety. This includes use of online, communication and digital technologies.

The table below demonstrates how eSafety risks can be classified in three key areas- content, contact and conduct. These risks are often determined by behaviour rather than the technologies themselves. (Safer Children in a Digital World –the report of the Byron review. DCSF, 2008)

	Commercial	Aggressive	Sexual	Values
Content (child as recipient)	Adverts Spam Sponsorship Personal info	Violent/hateful content	Pornographic or unwelcome sexual content	Bias Racist Misleading info or advice
Contact (child as participant)	Tracking Harvesting personal info	Being bullied, harassed or stalked	Meeting strangers Being groomed	Self-harm Unwelcome persuasions
Conduct (child as actor)	Illegal downloading Hacking Gambling Financial scams Terrorism	Bullying or harassing another	Creating and uploading inappropriate material	Providing misleading info/advice

(taken from Safeguarding Children Online, Becta 2009)

Upton upon Severn CofE Primary School has clear systems and procedures to assist in keeping our pupils safe:

- Named persons for Safeguarding/Child Protection, Mrs Julie Wills, Mrs Sarah Gabriel and Mrs Sarah Fletcher, to whom any eSafety concerns should be reported;
- Robust system technology/networks with measures to filter and protect content access. All computers are virus protected and access virus updates throughout the day. Access to the school's network is password protected;
- Policy, protocols and training to ensure our staff are fully aware of eSafety risks and support best practice whilst in a supervisory role. Staff laptops are encrypted to ensure data protection;
- An ethos where pupils feel they can access support and guidance where they have concerns or worries and where sharing of information will be positively received. (note: cyberbullying is included in our Anti-bullying policy);

- Signing school's ICT/eSafety Acceptable Use Policy and Agreements to ensure all pupils are aware and understand eSafety expectations. All year groups receive eSafety information and guidance appropriate to their age;
- Curriculum content which supports eSafety with multi-agency input as required;
- Parent/carer eSafety training and information sessions on Newsletters;
- A named ICT/eSafety coordinator who monitors policy implementation and system usage.

Upton upon Severn CofE Primary School believe it is important that families are eSafety literate and are informed about the benefits and risks in using technology. When appropriate eSafety information/training is shared with parents/carers. Parents/Carers are expected to support the ICT/eSafety Acceptable Use Policy and support their child/children to behave appropriately whilst using technology as they share responsibility for setting standards and guiding children in using the Internet safely and responsibly. We encourage them to supervise Internet access at home and take an active interest in how their children are using technology.