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Online Safety at Sunnyfields Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Sunnyfields, the safety and wellbeing of our pupils is our highest priority — both in the classroom and online. As children increasingly use digital technology for learning, it is essential that we provide a safe and secure environment while helping them develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to make responsible choices online.

Keeping Children Safe Online at School

To support this, we have robust **monitoring and filtering systems** in place across our school network. These systems help us to:

- **Filter inappropriate content**, ensuring that children have access to safe, appropriate and relevant online resources.
 - **Monitor online activity**, helping us to identify and respond to potential concerns quickly.
 - **Send alerts to our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)** when potentially concerning activity is identified. The DSL will review each alert and determine whether any further action or support is required. Where appropriate, this may include speaking with the child to help them understand online safety and ensure they receive the right support.
 - **Protect children from online threats**, including harmful websites, viruses, scams and inappropriate material.
 - **Support teaching and learning**, allowing pupils to access educational websites, platforms and digital tools safely.
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- **Provide each child with their own unique login details**, which must be used whenever they access a school device. This allows us to monitor individual activity and helps us to keep children safe.
 - **Reinforce responsible use of technology** through our Acceptable Use/User Agreement. **All children in Key Stage 2 have a copy of the User Agreement in their school planner. This agreement should be read, discussed and signed by the child each academic year** to confirm that they understand how to use technology safely, appropriately and responsibly. Teachers revisit the agreement with pupils at the beginning of each academic year and ensure that it is explained at an age-appropriate level.

Online Safety in Our Curriculum

Online safety is an important part of our wider curriculum and safeguarding provision. We teach children about online safety in a variety of ways, including:

- Our **Computing curriculum** includes a dedicated online safety unit, which all pupils begin at the start of each academic year.
- Our **Jigsaw curriculum** further develops children's understanding of online safety, including the potential harmful effects of social media, cyberbullying, the impact of AI-generated images on self-esteem and healthy gaming habits.
- We invite **external visitors**, including the police, NSPCC and other appropriate agencies, to speak with pupils about staying safe online.
- **Online safety books and resources** are available in our school library, alongside informative posters displayed throughout school to reinforce important messages.
- **Assemblies and themed weeks** provide further opportunities for children to explore online safety. Each year, we hold a dedicated online safety focus week, giving pupils additional opportunities to learn about using the internet safely, positively and responsibly.

Supporting Online Safety at Home

We recognise that keeping children safe online is a shared responsibility between school and home. We will continue to share useful online safety information and resources with families through our **school website and ClassDojo**.

Each week, we will also share an **online safety poster** with parents and carers, covering a range of current issues and practical advice to help you support your child at home.

If you have any concerns about your child's online activity or would like advice about keeping them safe online, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are always happy to offer support and guidance.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our children safe, both in school and online.

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