Policy: E- Safety Policy

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Approving committee: Full Governing Board
Glossary:

PSHE	Personal, Social, Health, Economic Education
DfE	Department For Education

Great Abington E-Safety Policy

Introduction
At Great Abington we appreciate the vital role we have in preparing our children for the digital World they inhabit. Technology advances are significant so our policy aims to ensure that we adhere to key principles. Monitoring is by the Governing Body who have taken the lead with their use of online collaborative tools within the Google Education Enterprise Suite.
Our main delivery platform is Google Education which provides the vast majority of our tools within a secure environment. We also use the **Google Internet Legends** Resources and Childnet **Crossing the Line Resources**.

Key Principles
1. Pupils should be responsible users of technology and to do that they need to be taught and exposed to online systems at the appropriate time in their development
2. Teaching about e-safety is ongoing and also reinforced through our updated PSHE scheme of work through Cambridgeshire County Council PSHE service
3. Pupil safety is paramount and must be factored in when considering any technological development within and outside school
4. All staff are involved in the delivery and monitoring of technology systems for learning
5. Staff training will be a priority for the leadership team but individuals will understand their responsibilities about keeping themselves informed of safe practices with technology
6. Parents / carers are integral to the E-Safety journey of their children and must be informed at each stage and supported through discussion and online signposting
7. Parents / carers must have the information to contact the school if they are concerned about any aspect of E-Safety
8. Staff will talk to the headteacher if anything concerns them about technology use
9. We will draw upon guidance from the DfE (non statutory) which can be found **here**

Role of Staff
E-safety is the responsibility of the Safeguarding team in liaison with the Computing lead. As part of the annual training programme for safeguarding leads they will attend relevant e-safety courses provided at County and National level. Safeguarding leads will then disseminate and be available for all staff when supporting this area of activity.

Role of Parents / Carers
We believe that parents have a fundamental role to play in helping their children to learn safely with technology. The challenges are appreciated and guidance, training and face to face meetings will support parents / carers at relevant points of the year and where individual cases of challenge are reported, discovered or discussed at a local or National level.

If parents / carers have any concerns from activity outside school or inside school then they must discuss with staff so that support and appropriate action can be taken to support pupils.

Parents and carers should use the school website resources or ask staff to understand and implement age restricted online resources (websites, apps) to protect children from inappropriate content.

Website Resources
The school website contains resources for both **parents** and **parents and children** to use for Education, discussion and clarification.
The school will,include links to these resources in regular communications and will also target specific content for specific reasons where support is required or requested.

Key Departmental Document

The following DfE guidance document sets out all aspects of E-Safety.

There is increased emphasis and guidance within Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) around filtering systems and monitoring within school systems. The school procures its internet feed from the County using the Eastnet services with its enhanced filtering systems.

Policy Review - including relevant documentation

The information above will be reviewed annually by the senior leadership team ready for sign off at a Full Governing Body meeting.