Parent Policy – eSafety

How to keep your child safe online

At Roebuck Primary School and Nursery, we understand the responsibility to educate our pupils on eSafety issues; teaching them the appropriate behaviours and critical thinking skills to enable them to remain both safe and legal when using the internet and related technologies, in and beyond the context of the classroom.

We believe it is essential for parents to be fully involved with promoting eSafety both in and outside of the school and to be aware of their responsibilities. We will hold regular opportunities for parents to consult and discuss eSafety with us as we seek to promote a wide understanding of the benefits of new technologies, together with the associated risks.

The school will give information to parents relating to eSafety where appropriate in the form of:

- Information evenings
- Practical training sessions e.g current eSafety issues
- Posters
- School website information
- Newsletter items including governor newsletters
- Our named eSafety Governor is Mrs C. Elson

How can your child use ICT at school or home?

Computing is taught in school. This helps your child to learn discrete skills. Computing is also used across all other subjects to support and enrich leaning. A wide range of ICT is taught such as:

Word processing to write stories, news articles or letters;

Database to record information;

Spread sheets to create tables, charts and graphs;

Multimedia presentations to present text, picture and sound. This includes animations;

Drawing programs to create pictures and designs;

Internet to access research for topic and other subjects;

Email to email friends in school;

Digital cameras to record what they have learnt in class;

Electronic sensors to record changes in light, sound and temperature;

Control software to give instructions and make something happen;

Stimulations to explore real and imaginary situations;

Website publishing to create their own websites;

How learning with ICT benefits pupils

ICT is an essential resource to support learning and teaching, as well as playing an important role in everyday lives of children, young people and adults.

- Used effectively, ICT can improve student's achievements
- Using ICT at home and at school develops skills for life
- Pupils enjoy using ICT
- Using ICT provides a wider range of learning materials. For example: apps, ipads, internet, social media, on line games, podcasting, Blogs, Wikis and video sharing
- Offers pupils choice in what they learn and how they learn
- Supports home learning and revision

Some useful websites to use at home

CEOP: www.ceop.gov.uk

Think U Know: www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Digizen: www.digizen.org

These and more: www.bgfl.org

Using the Internet safely at home

Go through these rules with your child and place them up near to the computer. It is also a good idea to regularly check the Internet sites they are visiting, eg: by clicking on History and Favourites. Please reassure them you want to keep them safe rather than take the internet access away from them. Create a dialogue and a relationship of mutual respect as far as the internet is concerned. Placing computers in a family area, not a bedroom, will enable you to supervise your child as they use the internet.

To keep safe you should:

- Use websites recommended by teachers
- Only email people you know, set up an address book so you are fully aware of who your child is emailing or receiving emails from
- Ask them to tell you if they receive an email sent by someone they do not know
- Use Internet social networking sites with caution and know how to block unwanted users
- Do not use your real name when playing games online- create a user name
- Never give out home address, phone or mobile number
- Never email your school name or a picture in school uniform
- Never arrange to meet anyone alone, always tell an adult if you are asked to meet someone
- Only use a webcam with permission and supervision from an adult
- Tell an adult immediately if you are unhappy about something
- Report concerns to Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP)

Roebuck Primary School eSafety rules

S afety. Don't put pictures of yourself or personal information on the computer. Do not talk to or believe strangers on line.

M essages sent to people we know must be kind.

A sk permission before using the internet, phones or playing with games.

R emember do not share your passwords. Report anything that makes you feel unsafe.

T hink and tell…
Think before you click and tell someone.