Change Log

<u>Date</u>	<u>Changes</u>
1.2.24	Term updated to reflect range of devices: 'other electronic devices with imaging and sharing capabilities'
	Details of E-Safety lead updated.
	Information added about the AB Tutor monitoring Software.
	E-Safety code of conduct for pupils updated.
	Section on 'Online publishing' added with regards to our school website and social media platforms.



Online Safety Policy

Glade Primary School



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1. Aims

Our school aims to:

- Have robust processes in place to ensure the online safety of pupils, staff, volunteers and governors.
- Deliver an effective approach to online safety, which empowers us to protect and educate the whole school community in its use of technology.
- Establish clear mechanisms to identify, intervene and escalate an incident, where appropriate.

2. Legislation and guidance

This policy is based on the Department for Education's statutory safeguarding guidance, <u>Keeping Children Safe in Education</u>, and its advice for schools on <u>preventing and tackling bullying</u> and <u>searching</u>, <u>screening and confiscation</u>. It also refers to the Department's guidance on <u>protecting</u> children from radicalisation.

It reflects existing legislation, including but not limited to the <u>Education Act 1996</u> (as amended), the <u>Education and Inspections Act 2006</u> and the <u>Equality Act 2010</u>. In addition, it reflects the <u>Education Act 2011</u>, which has given teachers stronger powers to tackle cyber-bullying by, if necessary, searching for and deleting inappropriate images or files on pupils' electronic devices where they believe there is a 'good reason' to do so.

The policy also takes into account the National Curriculum computing programmes of study.

3. Roles and responsibilities

3.1 The governing board

The governing board has overall responsibility for monitoring this policy and holding the headteacher to account for its implementation.

Updates regarding online safety and related incidents will be shared at each full Governing body meeting through the Safeguarding report. The Safetguarding Governors will also have an opportunity to review the monitoring logs.

The governors who oversee online safety are

All governors will:

- Ensure that they have read and understand this policy
- Agree and adhere to the terms on acceptable use of the school's ICT systems and the internet (appendix 2)

3.2 The headteacher

The headteacher is responsible for ensuring that staff understand this policy, and that it is being implemented consistently throughout the school.

3.3 The designated safeguarding lead

Philip Merchant is the school's DSL. Deputy DSL's are Farzana Hussain and Aasiya Hussain. The E-Safety lead is Philip Merchant. The ICT Manager is Kevin Crouch.

The DSL takes lead responsibility for online safety in school, in particular:

- Supporting the headteacher in ensuring that staff understand this policy and that it is being implemented consistently throughout the school
- Working with the headteacher, ICT manager and other staff, as necessary, to address any online safety issues or incidents
- Ensuring that any online safety incidents are logged (see appendix 4) and dealt with appropriately in line with this policy
- Ensuring that any incidents of cyber-bullying are logged and dealt with appropriately in line with the school behaviour policy. The school is committed to support and act on online safety incidents outside the school should it affect the well-being of staff and learners.
- Updating and delivering staff training on online safety (appendix 3 contains a self-audit for staff on online safety training needs)
- Liaising with other agencies and/or external services if necessary
- Providing regular reports on online safety in school to the headteacher and/or governing board

This list is not intended to be exhaustive.

3.4 The ICT manager

The ICT Manager, Kevin Crouch is responsible for:

- Putting in place appropriate filtering and monitoring systems, which are updated on a regular basis and keep pupils safe from potentially harmful and inappropriate content and contact online while at school, including terrorist and extremist material
- Ensuring that the school's ICT systems are secure and protected against viruses and malware, and that such safety mechanisms are updated regularly
- Conducting a full security check and monitoring the school's ICT systems on a monthly basis
- Blocking access to potentially dangerous sites and, where possible, preventing the downloading of potentially dangerous files
- Ensuring that any online safety incidents are logged (see appendix 4) and dealt with appropriately in line with this policy
- Ensuring that any incidents of cyber-bullying are dealt with appropriately in line with the school behaviour policy
- Support staff with the use of Zoom as a main tool for home learning.

This list is not intended to be exhaustive.

3.5 All staff and volunteers

All staff, including contractors and agency staff, and volunteers are responsible for:

- Maintaining an understanding of this policy
- Implementing this policy consistently
- Agreeing and adhering to the terms on acceptable use of the school's ICT systems and the
 internet (appendix 2), and ensuring that pupils follow the school's terms on acceptable use
 (appendix 1)
- Working with the DSL to ensure that any online safety incidents are logged (see appendix 4) and dealt with appropriately in line with this policy
- Ensuring that any incidents of cyber-bullying are dealt with appropriately in line with the school behaviour policy
- Adhering a to the terms of using Zoom as part of homeschool learning.

This list is not intended to be exhaustive.

3.6 Parents

Parents are expected to:

- Notify a member of staff or the headteacher of any concerns or queries regarding this policy
- Ensure their child has read, understood and agreed to the terms on acceptable use of the school's ICT systems and internet (appendix 1)

Parents can seek further guidance on keeping children safe online from the following organisations and websites:

- What are the issues?, UK Safer Internet Centre: https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/what-are-issues
- Hot topics, Childnet International: http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics
- Parent factsheet, Childnet International: http://www.childnet.com/ufiles/parents-factsheet-og-17.pdf
- Parentzone. https://parentzone.org.uk/

3.7 Visitors and members of the community

Visitors and members of the community who use the school's ICT systems or internet will be made aware of this policy, when relevant, and expected to read and follow it. If appropriate, they will be expected to agree to the terms on acceptable use (appendix 2).

4. Educating pupils about online safety

Pupils will be taught about online safety as part of the curriculum.

In **Key Stage 1**, pupils will be taught to:

• Use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private

• Identify where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the internet or other online technologies

Pupils in Key Stage 2 will be taught to:

- Use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly
- Recognise acceptable and unacceptable behaviour
- Identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact

The safe use of social media and the internet will also be covered in other subjects where relevant.

The school will use assemblies to raise pupils' awareness of the dangers that can be encountered online and may also invite speakers to talk to pupils about this.

5. Educating parents about Online Safety

The school will raise parents' awareness of internet safety in letters or other communications home, and in information via our website. This policy will also be shared with parents.

Online safety will also be covered during parents' workshops and regular newsletters.

If parents have any queries or concerns in relation to online safety, these should be raised in the first instance with the headteacher and/or the DSL.

Concerns or queries about this policy can be raised with any member of staff or the headteacher.

6. Cyber-bullying

6.1 Definition

Cyber-bullying takes place online, such as through social networking sites, messaging apps or gaming sites. Like other forms of bullying, it is the repetitive, intentional harming of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. (See also the school behaviour policy and Anti-bullying policy)

6.2 Preventing and addressing cyber-bullying

To help prevent cyber-bullying, we will ensure that pupils understand what it is and what to do if they become aware of it happening to them or others. We will ensure that pupils know how they can report any incidents and are encouraged to do so, including where they are a witness rather than the victim.

The school will actively discuss cyber-bullying with pupils, explaining the reasons why it occurs, the forms it may take and what the consequences can be. Class teachers will discuss cyber-bullying with their pupils and the issue will be addressed in assemblies.

Teaching staff are also encouraged to find opportunities to use aspects of the curriculum to cover cyber-bullying. This includes personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education, and other subjects where appropriate.

All staff, governors and volunteers (where appropriate) receive training on cyber-bullying, its impact and ways to support pupils, as part of safeguarding training (see section 11 for more detail).

The school also sends information/leaflets on cyber-bullying to parents so that they are aware of the signs, how to report it and how they can support children who may be affected.

In relation to a specific incident of cyber-bullying, the school will follow the processes set out in the school behaviour policy. Where illegal, inappropriate or harmful material has been spread among pupils, the school will use all reasonable endeavours to ensure the incident is contained.

The DSL will consider whether the incident should be reported to the police if it involves illegal material, and will work with external services if it is deemed necessary to do so.

6.3 Examining electronic devices

School staff have the specific power under the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (which has been increased by the Education Act 2011) to search for and, if necessary, delete inappropriate images or files on pupils' electronic devices, including mobile phones, iPads and other tablet devices, where they believe there is a 'good reason' to do so.

When deciding whether there is a good reason to examine or erase data or files on an electronic device, staff must reasonably suspect that the data or file in question has been, or could be, used to:

- Cause harm, and/or
- Disrupt teaching, and/or
- Break any of the school rules

If inappropriate material is found on the device, it is up to the staff member in conjunction with the DSL or other member of the senior leadership team to decide whether they should:

- Delete that material, or
- Retain it as evidence (of a criminal offence or a breach of school discipline), and/or
- Report it to the police

Any searching of pupils will be carried out in line with the DfE's latest guidance on <u>screening</u>, <u>searching and confiscation</u>.

Any complaints about searching for or deleting inappropriate images or files on pupils' electronic devices will be dealt with through the school complaints procedure.

7. Acceptable use of the internet in school

All pupils, staff, volunteers and governors using the school ICT system are expected to sign an agreement regarding the acceptable use of the school's ICT systems and the internet. Visitors and

will be expected to read and agree to the school's terms on acceptable use if relevant. Parents are expected to read the parent agreement policy and children's agreement policy.

Use of the school's internet must be for educational purposes only, or for the purpose of fulfilling the duties of an individual's role.

We will monitor the websites visited by pupils, staff, volunteers, governors and visitors (where relevant) to ensure they comply with the above.

More information is set out in the acceptable use agreements in appendices 1 and 2.

8. Pupils using mobile devices in school

Pupils are not authorised to use mobile phones or any devices with a camera/video on the school site.

In Y6 some pupils walk to and from school independently and for safety purposes have a mobile phone. The phone is switched off on arrival and stored in the school office until collection at home time.

Any breach of the acceptable use agreement by a pupil may trigger disciplinary action in line with the school behaviour policy, which may result in the confiscation of their device.

9. Staff using work devices outside school

Staff members using a work device outside school must not install any unauthorised software on the device and must not use the device in any way which would violate the school's terms of acceptable use, as set out in appendix 2.

Staff must ensure that their work device is secure and password-protected, and that they do not share their password with others. They must take all reasonable steps to ensure the security of their work device when using it outside school. USB devices should not be used. The Remote Access platform should be used when accessing the network outside of school. This system uses two factor authentication to ensure its security.

If staff have any concerns over the security of their device, they must seek advice from the ICT manager.

Work devices must be used solely for work activities.

Remote and Homelearning:

Key responsibilities:

- Read and follow this policy in conjunction with the school's main safeguarding policy
- Record online-safety incidents in the same way as any safeguarding incident and report in accordance with school procedures.

- Notify the DSL/OSL if policy does not reflect practice in your school and follow escalation procedures if concerns are not promptly acted upon
- Identify opportunities to thread online safety through all school activities as part of a
 whole school approach in line with the RSHE curriculum, both outside the classroom
 and within the curriculum, supporting curriculum/stage/subject leads, and making
 the most of unexpected learning opportunities as they arise (which have a unique
 value for pupils)
- Whenever overseeing the use of technology in school or for homework or remote teaching, encourage and talk about appropriate behaviour and how to get help and consider potential risks and the age-appropriateness of websites (find out what appropriate filtering and monitoring systems are in place)
- When supporting pupils remotely, be mindful of additional safeguarding considerations – refer to the <u>20 Safeguarding Principles for Remote Lessons</u> infographic which applies to all online learning
- Carefully supervise and guide pupils when engaged in learning activities involving online technology, supporting them with search skills, critical thinking, age appropriate materials and signposting, and legal issues such as copyright and GDPR.
- Be aware of security best-practice at all times, including password hygiene and phishing strategies.
- Prepare and check all online source and resources before using
- Encourage pupils/students to follow their acceptable use policy at home as well as at school, remind them about it and enforce school sanctions.
- Notify the DSL/OSL of new trends and issues before they become a problem
- Take a zero-tolerance approach to bullying and low-level sexual harassment (your DSL will disseminate relevant information from the new DfE document on this)
- Be aware that you are often most likely to see or overhear online-safety issues (particularly relating to bullying and sexual harassment and violence) in the playground, corridors, toilets and other communal areas outside the classroom – let the DSL/OSL know
- Receive regular updates from the DSL/OSL and have a healthy curiosity for online safeguarding issues
- Model safe, responsible and professional behaviours in their own use of technology.
 This includes outside the school hours and site, and on social media, in all aspects upholding the reputation of the school and of the professional reputation of all staff.
 More guidance on this point can be found in this <u>Online Reputation</u> guidance for schools.

Where the school has undertaken 'Zoom' as a tool for homeschooling during the pandemic. Teachers, staff and parents have a separate detailed policy agreement.

10. How the school will respond to issues of misuse

Where a pupil misuses the school's ICT systems or internet, we will follow the procedures set out in the behaviour policy. The action taken will depend on the individual circumstances, nature and seriousness of the specific incident, and will be proportionate.

Where a staff member misuses the school's ICT system or the internet, or misuses a personal device where the action constitutes misconduct, the matter will be dealt with in accordance with the staff disciplinary procedures. The action taken will depend on the individual circumstances, nature and seriousness of the specific incident.

The school will consider whether incidents which involve illegal activity or content, or otherwise serious incidents, should be reported to the police.

11. Training

All new staff members will receive training, as part of their induction, on safe internet use and online safeguarding issues including cyber-bullying and the risks of online radicalisation.

All staff members will receive refresher training at least once each academic year as part of safeguarding training, as well as relevant updates as required (for example through emails, ebulletins and staff meetings).

The DSL and deputies will undertake child protection and safeguarding training, which will include online safety, at least every 2 years. They will also update their knowledge and skills on the subject of online safety at regular intervals, and at least annually.

Governors will receive training on safe internet use and online safeguarding issues as part of their safeguarding training.

Volunteers will receive appropriate training and updates, if applicable.

More information about safeguarding training is set out in our child protection and safeguarding policy.

12. Monitoring arrangements

The DSL logs behaviour and safeguarding issues related to online safety. These are saved on our CPOMS system.

This policy will be reviewed annually. At every review, the policy will be shared with the governing board.

13. Filtering and Monitoring

LGFL is our main system used for filtering. For Monitoring, AB Tutor is used. Regular reports are reviewed by the ICT Manager and the Online Safety lead.

14. Online Publishing

The school communicates with parents/carers and the wider community and promotes the school through:

- Public-facing website
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Newsletters posted to the school website.

The school website is managed/hosted by Kevin Crouch (ICT Manager) The school ensures that online safety policy has been followed in the use of online publishing e.g., use of digital and video images, copyright, identification of young people, publication of school calendars and personal information — ensuring that there is least risk to members of the school community, through such publications.

Where learner work, images or videos are published, their identities are protected, and full names are not published.

15. Links with other policies

This online safety policy is linked to our:

- Child protection and safeguarding policy
- Acceptable use policy
- Behaviour policy
- Staff disciplinary procedures
- Data protection policy and privacy notices
- Complaints procedure
- R.S.H.E curriculum and policy

Appendix 1: acceptable use agreement (pupils and parents/carers) – A child friendly agreement has been created.

Child agreement				
My name is				
To stay SAFE online and on my devices.	✓			
1. I only USE devices or apps, sites or games if a trusted adult says so				
2. I ASK for help if I'm stuck or not sure				
3. I TELL a trusted adult if I'm upset, worried, scared or confused				
4. If I get a FUNNY FEELING in my tummy, I talk to an adult				
5. I look out for my FRIENDS and tell someone if they need help				
6. I KNOW people online aren't always who they say they are				
7. Anything I do online can be shared and might stay online FOREVER				
8. I don't keep SECRETS or do DARES AND CHALLENGES just because someone tells me I have to				
9. I don't change CLOTHES or get undressed in front of a camera				
10. I always check before SHARING personal information				
11. I am KIND and polite to everyone				
My trusted adults are:				
at school				
at home				

Parents - Acceptable Use Policy

- 1. I understand that Glade Primary School uses technology as part of the daily life of the school when it is appropriate to support teaching & learning and the smooth running of the school, and to help prepare the children and young people in our care for their future lives.
- 2. I understand that the school takes every reasonable precaution to keep pupils safe and to prevent pupils from accessing inappropriate materials, including behaviour policies and agreements, physical and technical monitoring, education and support and web filtering. However, the school cannot be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed through the internet and mobile technologies, which can sometimes be upsetting. This includes other electronic devices with imaging and sharing capabilities.
- 3. I understand that internet and device use in school, and use of school-owned devices, networks and cloud platforms out of school may be subject to filtering and monitoring. These should be used in the same manner as when in school.
- 4. I will promote positive online safety and model safe, responsible and positive behaviours in my own use of technology, including on social media: not sharing others' images or details without permission and refraining from posting negative, threatening or violent comments about others, including the school staff, volunteers, governors, contractors, pupils or other parents/carers.
- 5. The impact of social media use is often felt strongly in schools, which is why we expect certain behaviours from pupils when using social media. I will support the school with this and not encourage my child to join any platform where they are below the minimum age.
- 6. I will follow the school's expectations when I can capture and/or share images/videos. I will not share images of other people's children on social media and understand that there may be cultural or legal reasons why this would be inappropriate or even dangerous. The school sometimes uses images/video of my child for internal purposes such as recording attainment, but it will only do so publicly if I have given my consent on the relevant form.
- 7. I understand that for my child to grow up safe online, s/he will need positive input from school and home, so I will talk to my child about online safety.
- 8. I understand that whilst home networks are much less secure than school ones, I can apply child safety settings to my home internet (see advice in the Online Safety Policy).
- 9. I understand and support the commitments made by my child in the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) which s/he has signed, and I understand that s/he may be subject to sanctions if s/he does not follow these rules.
- 10. I can talk to the Headteacher if I have any concerns about my child/ren's use of technology, or about that of others in the community, or if I have questions about online safety or technology use in school.

I/we have read, understood and agreed to this policy.

Signature/s:	
Name/s of parent / guardian: Parent / guardian of:	
Date:	

Appendix 2: acceptable use agreement (staff, governors, volunteers and visitors)

Acceptable Use Policy (AUP): Staff and Governors agreement form

Name of School	Glade Primary School	
Date of next Review		
Who reviewed this AUP?	SLT and Governors	

Covers use of digital technologies in school: i.e. email, Internet, intranet and network resources, learning platform, software, equipment and systems.

- I will only use the school's digital technology resources and systems for professional purposes or for uses deemed 'reasonable' by the Head and Governing Body.
- I will not reveal my password(s) to anyone.
- I will not allow unauthorised individuals to access email / Internet / intranet / network, or other school / LA systems.
- I will not download or save sensitive or personal data onto a personal device. I will store this data on the School Network Drive.
- I will ensure that I work in a secure environment, where my screen is not visible to others when working on sensitive or personal data.
- I will always log out when I finish working.
- I will report any data breaches to the Data Protection Officer (Nooreen) as soon as possible.
- I will not engage in any online activity that may compromise my professional responsibilities.
- I will only use the approved, secure email system(s) for any confidential school business.
- I will only use the approved school email or other school approved communication systems
 with pupils or parents/carers, and only communicate with them on appropriate school business.
 I will not use my own phone to communicate with parents without prior approval of the
 Headteacher.
- I will be mindful of sending emails that contain chains of emails which compromise privacy by their content and personal information including email addresses
- I will not browse, download or send material that could be considered offensive to colleagues.
- I will report any accidental access to, or receipt of inappropriate materials, or filtering breach to the ICT leader (Kevin Crouch.)
- I will not download any software or resources from the Internet that can compromise the network, or are not adequately licensed.
- I will not connect a computer, laptop or other device) that does not have up-to-date anti-virus software to the network / Internet and I will keep any 'loaned' equipment up-to-date, using the school's recommended anti-virus, firewall and other ICT 'defence' systems.

- I will not use personal digital cameras, tablets, laptops or other equipment for taking and transferring images of pupils or staff without permission and will not store images without consent of the data subjects.
 - I will not use a mobile phone or other photographing equipment of my own to take any
 pictures of children. This includes other electronic devices with imaging and sharing
 capabilities.
- I will ensure that I secure ICT hardware using appropriate safety measures:
 - Other items of ICT hardware e.g. dataloggers, cameras, will be secured in lockable cupboards when not in use.
- I will use cloud systems (e.g. School Network Drive) in accordance with School advice.
- I agree and accept that any computer or laptop loaned to me by the school, is provided solely
 to support my professional responsibilities and that I will notify the school of any "significant
 personal use" as defined by HM Revenue & Customs.
- I will only use school hardware for business purposes and personal purposes in a responsible
 way which minimises the risk of any data breaches. I understand that I will be subject to
 disciplinary procedures in line with our staff code of conduct and online safety policy should any
 breaches occur.
- I will ensure any confidential data that I wish to transport from one location to another is protected by encryption and that I follow school data security protocols when using any such data at any location.
- I understand that data protection policy requires that any information seen by me with regard to staff or pupil information, held within the school's information management system, will be kept private and confidential, EXCEPT when it is deemed necessary that I am required by law to disclose such information to an appropriate authority.
- I will embed the school's online safety curriculum into my teaching.
- I will only use LA systems in accordance with any corporate policies.
- I understand that all in school Internet usage / and network usage can be logged and this
 information could be made available to the Headteacher.

Within Social Networking:

- I will not contact pupils using social media or any other means not authorised by the school.
- If any of my online activity affects students, staff or the wider community I understand that this
 could lead to disciplinary action.
- I will ensure that any private social networking sites / blogs etc that I create or actively contribute to are not confused with my professional role.
- I understand that I cannot publish any content which may result in actions for defamation, discrimination, breaches of copyright, data protection or other claim for damages. This includes but is not limited to material of an illegal, sexual or offensive nature that may bring the school into disrepute.
- I will not use school Social Networking sites for the promotion of personal financial interests, commercial ventures or personal campaigns.
- I will not breach any of the school's policies
- I will not identify myself as a representative of the school.

I understand that failure to comply with this agreement could lead to disciplinary action.

Video conferencing:

- I will be mindful of cameras and microphones whilst conducting zoom meetings.
- I will be aware of the background, I will be teaching or conducting meetings from. (Keep it simple and plain)
- I will adhere to the school dress code policy as in the staff handbook.

- I will be mindful that these sessions are recorded for monitoring and safeguarding.
- I will ensure that there are always 2 adults present. (In class teaching sessions)
- I understand the responsibilities listed for my role in the school's Online Safety policy. This includes promoting online safety, as well as safeguarding considerations when supporting pupils remotely.

User Signature

I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that I remain up-to-date and read and understand the school's most recent E-safety policies.

I agree to abide by all the points above.

Signature	Date:
Full Name	(printed)
Role within the school	

Appendix 3: online safety training needs – self-audit for staff

This form is adapted this audit form to suit the needs of the school.

Online safety training needs audit	
Name of staff member/volunteer:	Date:
Do you know the name of the person who has lead responsibility for online safety in school?	
Do you know what you must do if a pupil approaches you with a concern or issue?	
Are you familiar with the school's acceptable use agreement for staff, volunteers, governors and visitors?	
Are you familiar with the school's acceptable use agreement for pupils and parents?	

Are you familiar with the school's approach to tackling cyber-bullying?				
Are there any areas of online safety in which you would like training/further training? Please record them here.				

Appendix 4: Online safety incident report log

All E-Safety concerns are to be logged as part of CPOMs.

Online safety incident report log				
Date	Where the incident took place	Description of the incident	Action taken	Name and signature of staff member recording the incident