



E-Safety Policy

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Statement of Intent: As a registered Childcare provision by Ofsted we are legally bound to deliver the learning requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage 2021. As an organisation, we regularly access the NSPCC website for updates on how to keep children safe and changing information within Childcare.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/.../talking-your-child-staying-safe-online>

Part of that framework involves children finding out about everyday technology and giving them the opportunity to use programmable toys, and ICT equipment to support his/her learning. In our setting children have supervised access to a laptop, tablet and camera with support.

Recent years have seen the transformation of learning in childcare settings with the development and expansion of the use of ICT, and particularly of the internet. The internet is a resource for supporting children with their homework research while social networking sites are becoming ever more popular, allowing social contact with their friends and family. When not supervised appropriately the internet can also be a very dangerous place for children

Some of these dangers include children:

- Inadvertently gaining access to illegal, harmful or inappropriate images or other content
- Being exposed to harassment and bullying online
- Accidentally sharing personal / financial information
- Being susceptible to online grooming by unsuitable adults and paedophiles

We have an obligation to all children to ensure that the appropriate safeguards are in place to keep everyone safe and protected at our setting whilst enjoying the benefits of the internet.

Procedures

- We ensure children have safe access to the internet by maintaining security system/s and filters
- We talk with the children about what websites they are using and not allowing children access
- The children and staff discuss the importance of keeping safe online for example, not talking to people they don't know and not giving personal information that could enable people to identify them
- We are always with a child/ group of children while accessing the internet
- We limit the time children spend on computers and ensure that the time spent is a balance of time engaged in ICT and other sociable activities