

Acceptable Use Agreement - Parent and Carer

Online Safety and Responsible Use of Technology

At Bentley CEVC & Copdock Primary Schools, we believe that online safety is a shared responsibility between school, parents/carers and pupils. Digital technologies play an important part in children's education, communication and daily lives. Working together helps ensure that children can benefit from technology safely and responsibly.

The school is committed to teaching pupils how to stay safe online and to developing the knowledge, skills and understanding they need to navigate the digital world confidently. We ask parents and carers to work in partnership with us to promote safe, responsible and respectful use of technology both at home and at school. This reflects our shared commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

As a Parent / Carer, I Agree To:

Supporting My Child's Online Safety

I will:

- Take an active interest in my child's online activities and digital wellbeing.
- Talk regularly with my child about how they use technology, the websites, apps, games and social media platforms they access, and who they communicate with online.
- Help my child understand how to stay safe online, including how to recognise and respond to risks such as bullying, harmful content, scams, misinformation, inappropriate contact and online exploitation.
- Encourage my child to speak to a trusted adult if something online worries, upsets or confuses them.
- Report concerns to the school if I become aware of online behaviour, content or contact that may place a child at risk.

Monitoring and Managing Technology at Home

I will:

- Make reasonable efforts to supervise and monitor my child's use of internet-enabled devices.
- Use available parental controls, privacy settings, age restrictions and content filters to help protect my child from inappropriate or harmful content.
- Ensure that devices used by my child are updated appropriately and protected with suitable passwords and security settings.
- Check that any apps, games, websites and social media platforms used by my child are age appropriate.
- Be aware that many social networking platforms have minimum age requirements and will support my child to follow these requirements.

Responsible Social Media Use

I understand that adults play an important role in modelling responsible online behaviour as it can have a direct impact on children's safety and wellbeing. I will model safe, respectful and responsible online

behaviour and will not engage in any online activity that could place a child at risk or undermine the safeguarding of pupils within the school community.

I will:

- Use social media respectfully and responsibly at all times.
- Communicate concerns about the school through appropriate channels rather than through social media.
- Not create, share, comment on or respond to content about pupils, families, staff or the school that may be offensive, abusive, defamatory, misleading or inflammatory.
- I will not contact or communicate online with any pupil from the school other than my own child. Any concerns regarding another pupil will be reported to the school.
- Consider the potential impact of any social media posts on the wellbeing, privacy and reputation of children, families, staff and the wider school community.
- Respect the privacy of all members of the school community when posting online.

Supporting the School's Safeguarding Responsibilities

I will:

- Work in partnership with the school when concerns arise regarding my child's online activity or wellbeing.
- Follow advice and guidance provided by the school relating to online safety and safeguarding.
- Inform the school if there are significant online safety concerns that may impact my child or other pupils.
- Understand that the school uses filtering, monitoring and safeguarding systems to help protect pupils when using technology in school, although no system can completely eliminate risk.

Use of Technology on School Premises

When attending school events, assemblies, performances or meetings, I will:

- Ensure that mobile devices are used appropriately and respectfully eg. turning them to silent when on site.
- Follow any school instructions regarding the use of mobile phones, recording devices or photography.
- Respect the privacy and safeguarding needs of all children and adults.
- Follow the school's separate permissions and guidance relating to photography and video recording.

Our Commitment

The school will:

- Provide high-quality online safety education for pupils.
- Promote safe, respectful and responsible use of technology.
- Use appropriate filtering and monitoring systems to help safeguard pupils.
- Work constructively with parents and carers when online safety concerns arise.

- Provide guidance, information and support to families about current online safety issues where appropriate.

Agreement

I have read and understood this Parent and Carer Acceptable Use Agreement. I understand that online safety is a shared responsibility, and I agree to work in partnership with the school to help keep children safe online.

Parent/Carer Name	
Child's Name	
Signature	
Date	