Acorns Day Nursery

E-Safety Policy

Here at Acorns we believe that the use of ICT and internet is a necessary tool for learning as it is part of the statutory curriculum. The internet is part of everyday life for education, business and social interaction. The Nursery has a duty to provide the children with an internet access as part of their learning experiences. A lot of children use ICT and Internet widely outside of Nursery so to help children operate and select age appropriate programs is a step to helping children manage their own safety and knowledge of the internet.

What impact does it have on learning?

- The Nurseries internet is supplied via St Stephens Junior School, There for is designed to enhance and extend education and has restrictions to what can and can't be accessed.
- Children are supported in selecting and operating age appropriate programs and are clear on which sites are accessible and which sites we use at nursery.
- Children will gain knowledge on where to find the appropriate websites and by using the equipment the children will learn how to gain control to do so independently.
- By using the internet and suitable websites it helps the children to develop problem solving when using games and controls, physical skills when using the equipment like the mouse and keyboard, it helps to develop new ways of learning and know that media comes from other sources not just books. Children will also learn to develop their literacy skills and research all kinds of information like animal habitats and pictures of things that they may have not seen before like certain bugs, transport, animals, places and people etc…

Managing Information Systems and Internet Access

- Our internet and protection systems are via St Stephens Junior School. The Schools Broadband access will also include filtering that is appropriate to the age of our children.
- The school's internet access strategy will be dependent on the need and requirements of our community and will therefore be designed to suit the age and curriculum requirements of our pupils, with advice from technical, educational and safeguarding staff.
- The school uses educational filtered secure broadband connectivity through the KPSN which is appropriate to the age and requirement of our pupils. The school uses Light Speed filtering system which blocks sites that fall into categories such as pornography, racial hatred, extremism, gaming, sites of an illegal nature, etc. The school will ensure that age and ability appropriate filtering is in place whilst using school devices and systems to try and prevent staff and pupils from being accidentally or deliberately exposed to unsuitable content.
- The school will work with EIS and the Schools Broadband team or broadband/filtering provider to ensure that filtering policy is continually reviewed.
- The School filtering system will block all sites on the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) list. Changes to the school filtering policy will be risk assessed by staff with educational and technical experience prior to any changes and where appropriate with consent from the Leadership Team. All changes to the school filtering policy will be logged and recorded.
- If staff or children identify unsuitable sites, The URL will be noted and taken to the EYDSL and passed onto the DSL at the school, who will then report the incident and escalate the concern appropriately.
- All Parents/Guardian is required to read and sign an E-Safety policy, to say they have read and understood it.

- Social Media and social Networking is Blocked and controlled by the school's Network filtering.
- Photos that we may use for our website can be displayed only after signed permission is gained prior to starting the nursery (In registration pack)

Assessment and Management of Risks.

- The Nursery will take all reasonable precautions to ensure that the children only access appropriate material. However, due to the global and connected nature of the internet content, it is not possible to guarantee that access to unsuitable content will never occur at a nursery computer. Neither the school, Nursery or KCC can accept liability for the material accessed, or any consequences resulting in internet use.
- The Leadership Team will ensure that regular checks are made to ensure that the filtering methods selected are effective and appropriate. Any material that the school believes is illegal will be reported to appropriate agencies such as IWF, Kent Police or CEOP immediately.
- Complains about internet misuse including cyberbullying will be dealt with under the nurseries complaints and child protection procedure (see complaints and child protection policy).
- Any complaint about staff misuse will be referred to the nursery manager. Any allegations against a member of staff's online conduct will be discussed with the LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer)
- All E-Safety complains will be recorded by the Nursery, including any actions taken.

Helpful information for parents and carers:

http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/

http://www.parentport.org.uk/home

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-your-child-staying-safe-online/

References

- Complaints policy
- Mobile phones policy
- Photograph policy
- Child protection

Childs name:……………………………………………………………………………………….

Parent's signature……………………………………………………………………………………

Date:………………………………………………………………….……………………………..