

## Grass Roots Nursery Group: E-safety Policy

### Purpose:

To establish guidelines for the safe and responsible use of technology at Grass Roots Nursery Group, protecting children and promoting digital literacy.

### Key Principles:

- **Safe and Secure Environment:** Create a safe and secure online environment for children.
- **Education and Awareness:** Promote understanding of online risks and benefits.
- **Responsible Use:** Establish clear guidelines for appropriate technology use.
- **Data Protection:** Comply with data protection laws and protect children's privacy.
- **Monitoring and Supervision:** Implement monitoring and supervision measures to ensure safe practices.

### Scope

This policy applies to all staff, children, parents/carers, visitors, and contractors accessing the internet or using technological devices on the premises. This includes personal devices brought in by all parties.

### Management Responsibilities

- **Policy Oversight:** Ensure the Online Safety Policy is up-to-date and implemented effectively.
- **Staff Training:** Provide regular training on e-safety for staff, parents, and volunteers.
- **Incident Management:** Address e-safety incidents promptly and appropriately.
- **Monitoring and Review:** Monitor compliance with the policy and review it regularly.

### Staff Responsibilities

- **Model Appropriate Behavior:** Demonstrate responsible online practices.
- **Educate Children:** Teach children about online safety and appropriate behavior.
- **Monitor Children's Use:** Supervise children's online activities.
- **Report Incidents:** Report any e-safety concerns or incidents to the designated online safety coordinator.

### Technology Use

- **Device Supervision:** Supervise children's use of devices and ensure they are used in designated areas.
- **Age-Appropriate Resources:** Provide age-appropriate apps and websites.
- **Internet Filtering:** Use appropriate filtering systems to block inappropriate content.
- **Unsupervised Internet Access:** Prohibit unsupervised internet access for children.
- **Online Safety Education:** Teach children about safe internet navigation and the importance of reporting concerning content.
- See also [Acceptable Internet Use Policy](#)

### Handling Online Safety Incidents

- **Incident Reporting:** Maintain a log of online safety incidents.
- **Investigation:** Investigate incidents and take appropriate corrective actions.
- **Communication:** Communicate with parents and relevant authorities if necessary.
- See also [Child Protection and Safeguarding](#)

## Communication with Parents

- Inform parents about the online safety policy during the enrollment process.
- Share recommendations for safe internet usage at home.
- Provide regular updates on online safety initiatives.
- See also [☰ Parents as Partners](#)

## Data Protection

- Comply with data protection laws and regulations.
- Protect children's personal information and ensure its secure storage.
- Obtain parental consent for data collection and use.
- See also [☰ Data Protection Policy](#)

## Review and Updates

- Review the policy annually to ensure it remains relevant and effective.
- Consider technological advancements and emerging threats when updating the policy.

**By implementing this revised policy, Grass Roots Nursery Group can create a safe and secure online environment for children, promoting digital literacy and protecting their well-being.**

