



Amendments to Online Safety Policy

Following the most recent guidance from Department of Education (published 27 March 2020) schools and education providers (Designated Safeguarding Leads) are advised to develop an annex to their current Online Safety Policy.

Here are some things to consider and include, within the annex:

Outline any measures in place to ensure that children are protected when they are online

Consider what can reasonably be implemented to keep all children safe

Clarify staff who interact with children, including online, must look out for signs that a child may be at risk of harm

The starting point for any online teaching, should be that the same principles must be followed, as set out in the Staff Behaviour Policy (Code of Conduct)

Establish acceptable use of technologies guidelines, for staff and pupil/student relationships and communication, including the use of social media

Highlight how parents and carers are made aware of what their children are being asked to do online, including the sites they will be asked to access and be clear who (if anyone) their child is going to be interacting with online

Outline any use of online learning tools and systems is in-line with privacy and data protection/GDPR requirements

Contact arrangements with the professional in their institution has the technical knowledge to maintain safe IT arrangements and contingency plans should they become unavailable

As well as creating the annex, the information needs to be cascaded/briefed to all staff (including governors).

We would strongly advise that you 'bookmark' the guidance page on your web browser rather than print copies as this is likely to change regularly as the situation develops.