



School Policy Document

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St. Barnabas CE Primary School & Green Lane Pre-School Christian Vision and Aims statement

Inspire, Nurture and Achieve

We believe, as Jesus did, that in our happy, purposeful and welcoming **Christian school** and pre-school **all people** are **valued, encouraged** and **cared for**:

- **Inspire** the school community to think and feel positively about themselves and others.
- **Nurture** each child and adult so that they grow with others in a secure and happy environment; where they enjoy a wealth of opportunity and experience a love of learning.
- A place where **achievements** are celebrated and expectations are high for all.

This is underpinned through the understanding that in Jesus, **all** are welcome and unique and have a God given purpose and place in the world. Jesus inspires us that **all** people can flourish.

Matthew 19 v14

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

We aim to:

Inspire a positive approach to life and learning;

*Value and nurture each child as an individual: developing **resilience, independence,** and an **understanding** of what they bring to the world;*

*Create a rich, stimulating environment where **achievements** are celebrated and **team work** and **co-operation** are expected;*

*Promote **high expectations** and **self-confidence** for each individual;*

*Ensure each child strives towards **excellence** supporting those who find learning difficult and challenging the most able children;*

*Develop and foster **motivation** for learning and **enthusiasm** for life;*

*Promote a sense of **belonging** and build outstanding **relationships** between school, home, church and the wider community.*

*Help every person understand their **unique purpose** and **place** in **God's world**.*

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1. Introduction and aims

Information and communications technology (ICT) is an integral part of the way our school works, and is a critical resource for pupils, staff (including senior leadership teams), governors, volunteers and visitors. It supports teaching and learning, pastoral and administrative functions of the school.

However, the ICT resources and facilities our school uses pose risks to data protection, online safety and safeguarding.

This policy aims to:

- Set guidelines and rules on the use of school ICT resources for staff, pupils, parents and governors
- Establish clear expectations for the way all members of the school community engage with each other online
- Support the school's policy on data protection, online safety and safeguarding
- Prevent disruption to the school through the misuse, or attempted misuse, of ICT systems
- Support the school in teaching pupils safe and effective internet and ICT use

This policy covers all users of our school's ICT facilities, including governors, staff, pupils, volunteers, contractors and visitors.

Breaches of this policy may be dealt with under our behaviour policy /staff code of conduct.

2. Relevant legislation and guidance

This policy refers to, and complies with, the following legislation and guidance:

- [Data Protection Act 2018](#)
- [The General Data Protection Regulation](#)
- [Computer Misuse Act 1990](#)
- [Human Rights Act 1998](#)
- [The Telecommunications \(Lawful Business Practice\) \(Interception of Communications\) Regulations 2000](#)
- [Education Act 2011](#)
- [Freedom of Information Act 2000](#)
- [The Education and Inspections Act 2006](#)
- [Keeping Children Safe in Education 2021](#)
- [Searching, screening and confiscation: advice for schools](#)
- [National Cyber Security Centre \(NCSC\)](#)
- [Education and Training \(Welfare of Children Act\) 2021](#)
- [Mobile phones in schools - February 2024](#)
- [Data protection in schools - Guidance - GOV.UK](#) updated October 2025

3. Definitions

- **“ICT facilities”**: includes all facilities, systems and services including but not limited to network infrastructure, desktop computers, laptops, tablets, phones, music players or hardware, software, websites, web applications or services, and any device system or service which may become available in the future which is provided as part of the ICT service
- **“Users”**: anyone authorised by the school to use the ICT facilities, including governors, staff, pupils, volunteers, contractors and visitors
- **“Personal use”**: any use or activity not directly related to the users' employment, study or purpose

- **“Authorised personnel”**: employees authorised by the school to perform systems administration and/or monitoring of the ICT facilities
- **“Materials”**: files and data created using the ICT facilities including but not limited to documents, photos, audio, video, printed output, web pages, social networking sites and blogs
- **“Network Manager”**: The professional role responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining our computer network. This is currently undertaken by a company via a Service Level Agreement.

See appendix 6 for a glossary of cyber security terminology.

4. Unacceptable use

The following is considered unacceptable use of the school's ICT facilities by any member of the school community. Any breach of this policy may result in disciplinary or behaviour proceedings (see section 4.2 below).

Unacceptable use of the school's ICT facilities includes:

- Using the school's ICT facilities to breach intellectual property rights or copyright
- Using the school's ICT facilities to bully or harass someone else, or to promote unlawful discrimination
- Breaching the school's policies or procedures
- Any illegal conduct, or statements which are deemed to be advocating illegal activity
- Online gambling, inappropriate advertising, phishing and/or financial scams
- Accessing, creating, storing, linking to or sending material that is pornographic, offensive, obscene or otherwise inappropriate or harmful
- Consensual and non-consensual sharing of nude and semi-nude images and/or videos and/or livestreams (also known as sexting or youth-produced sexual imagery)
- Activity which defames or disparages the school, or risks bringing the school into disrepute
- Sharing confidential information about the school, its pupils, or other members of the school community
- Connecting any device to the school's ICT network without approval from authorised personnel
- Setting up any software, applications or web services on the school's network without approval by authorised personnel, or creating or using any program, tool or item of software designed to interfere with the functioning of the ICT facilities, accounts or data
- Gaining, or attempting to gain, access to restricted areas of the network, or to any password-protected information, without approval from authorised personnel
- Allowing, encouraging or enabling others to gain (or attempt to gain) unauthorised access to the school's ICT facilities
- Causing intentional damage to ICT facilities
- Removing, deleting or disposing of ICT equipment, systems, programs or information without permission by authorised personnel
- Causing a data breach by accessing, modifying, or sharing data (including personal data) to which a user is not supposed to have access, or without authorisation
- Using inappropriate or offensive language
- Promoting a private business, unless that business is directly related to the school
- Using websites or mechanisms to bypass the school's filtering mechanisms
- Engaging in content or conduct that is radicalised, extremist, racist, anti-Semitic or discriminatory in any other way

This is not an exhaustive list. The school reserves the right to amend this list at any time. The headteacher will use professional judgement to determine whether any act or behaviour not on the list above is considered unacceptable use of the school's ICT facilities.

4.1 Exceptions from unacceptable use

Where the use of school ICT facilities (on the school premises and/or remotely) is required for a purpose that would otherwise be considered an unacceptable use, exemptions to the policy may be granted at the headteacher's discretion.

4.2 Sanctions

Pupils and staff who engage in any of the unacceptable activity listed above may face disciplinary action in line with the school's policies on behaviour/staff code of conduct

5. Staff (including governors, volunteers, and contractors)

5.1 Access to school ICT facilities and materials

The school's network manager manages access to the school's ICT facilities and materials for school staff. That includes, but is not limited to:

- Computers, tablets, mobile phones and other devices
- Access permissions for certain programmes or files

Staff will be provided with unique log-in/account information and passwords that they must use when accessing the school's ICT facilities.

Staff who have access to files they are not authorised to view or edit, or who need their access permissions updated or changed, should contact the network manager

5.1.1 Use of phones and email

The school provides each member of staff with an Office365 Account, which includes an email address. This account will be used for work purposes only. Two factor authentication will be in place.

This will mean that staff will need their own mobile device to authenticate. If a member of staff has concerns about using their own mobile device to authenticate they need to discuss this with a member of the senior leadership team.

All work-related business should be conducted using the email address the school has provided.

Staff must not share their personal email addresses with parents and pupils and must not send any work-related materials using their personal email account.

Staff must take care with the content of all email messages, as incorrect or improper statements can give rise to claims for discrimination, harassment, defamation, breach of confidentiality or breach of contract.

Email messages are required to be disclosed in legal proceedings or in response to requests from individuals under the Data Protection Act 2018 in the same way as paper documents. Deletion from a user's inbox does not mean that an email cannot be recovered for the purposes of disclosure. All email messages should be treated as potentially retrievable.

Staff must take extra care when sending sensitive or confidential information by email. Any attachments containing highly sensitive or confidential information should be encrypted so that the information is only accessible by the intended recipient.

If staff receive an email in error, the sender should be informed and the email deleted. If the email contains sensitive or confidential information, the user must not make use of that information or disclose that information.

If staff send an email in error that contains the personal information of another person, they must inform the network manager or headteacher immediately and follow our data breach procedure.

Staff must not give their personal phone numbers to parents or pupils.

This is with the exception of residential or specific trips, where a senior leader or group leader may need to give parents or carers a personal phone number to be used in the event of an emergency.

Staff can only use their personal mobile devices to undertake official school business, for example, two-factor authentication or approved photography use, such as at a sporting or music event.

On occasions where staff use their personal mobile phone to contact a parent, such as on a school trip, staff are advised to use 141 to block their personal phone number.

School phones should not typically be used for personal matters.

5.2 Personal use

Staff are permitted to occasionally use school ICT facilities for personal use subject to certain conditions set out below. Personal use of ICT facilities must not be overused or abused. The network manager or headteacher may withdraw permission for it at any time or restrict access at their discretion.

Personal use is permitted provided that such use:

- Does not take place during contact time/teaching hours
- Does not constitute 'unacceptable use', as defined in section 4
- Takes place when no pupils are present
- Does not interfere with their jobs, or prevent other staff or pupils from using the facilities for work or educational purposes

Staff may not use the school's ICT facilities to store personal non-work-related information or materials (such as music, videos or photos).

Staff should be aware that use of the school's ICT facilities for personal use may put personal communications within the scope of the school's ICT monitoring activities (see section 5.5). Where breaches of this policy are found, disciplinary action may be taken.

Staff should be aware that personal use of ICT (even when not using school ICT facilities) can impact on their employment by, for instance, putting personal details in the public domain, where pupils and parents could see them.

Staff should take care to follow the school's guidelines on social media (see appendix 1) and use of email (see section 5.1.1) to protect themselves online and avoid compromising their professional integrity.

5.2.1 Personal social media accounts

Members of staff should ensure their use of social media, either for work or personal purposes, is appropriate at all times.

The school has guidelines for staff on appropriate security settings for Facebook accounts (see appendix 1).

5.3 Remote access

- We allow staff to access the school's ICT facilities and materials either using a school provided device, such as a laptop or i-pad, or a personal device. This would be accessed via their school Microsoft Account or other professional school provided cloud-based service, such as CPOMS or SIMS ID.
- This is managed by the Network manager with the approval of the headteacher.
- The preference is for staff to use a known network connection, such as your own ISP or mobile hotspot. Where this is not possible, staff should make every effort to ensure that they are connecting to a legitimate and secure network, for example a hotel or school accommodation network.

Staff accessing the school's ICT facilities and materials remotely must abide by the same rules as those accessing the facilities and materials on-site. Staff must be particularly vigilant if they use the school's ICT facilities outside the school and take such precautions as the network manager and Headteacher may require from time to time against importing viruses or compromising system security.

Our ICT facilities contain information which is confidential and/or subject to data protection legislation. Such information must be treated with extreme care and in accordance with our data protection policy.

5.4 School social media accounts

The school has an official Twitter X and Facebook page, managed by SLT and teaching staff. Staff members who have not been authorised to manage, or post to, the accounts, must not access, or attempt to access these accounts.

The school has guidelines for what can and cannot be posted on its social media accounts. Those who are authorised to manage the account must ensure they abide by these guidelines at all times.

5.5 Monitoring of school network and use of ICT facilities

The school reserves the right to monitor the use of its ICT facilities and network. This includes, but is not limited to, monitoring of:

- Internet sites visited
- Bandwidth usage
- Email accounts
- Telephone calls
- User activity/access logs
- Any other electronic communications

Only authorised ICT staff may inspect, monitor, intercept, assess, record and disclose the above, to the extent permitted by law.

The school monitors ICT use in order to:

- Obtain information related to school business
- Investigate compliance with school policies, procedures and standards
- Ensure effective school and ICT operation
- Conduct training or quality control exercises
- Prevent or detect crime
- Comply with a subject access request, Freedom of Information Act request, or any other legal obligation

6. Pupils

6.1 Access to ICT facilities

Computers and equipment in classrooms and the school's ICT suite are available to pupils only under the supervision of staff. This includes during the normal school day and for wraparound care.

6.2 Search and deletion

Under the Education Act 2011, and in line with the Department for Education's [guidance on searching, screening and confiscation](#), the school has the right to search pupils' phones, computers or other devices for pornographic images or any other data or items banned under school rules or legislation.

The school can, and will, delete files and data found on searched devices if we believe the data or file has been, or could be, used to disrupt teaching or break the school's rules.

Staff members may also confiscate devices for evidence, for example, to hand to the police, if a pupil discloses that they are being abused and that this abuse contains an online element.

6.3 Unacceptable use of ICT and the internet outside of school

The school will sanction pupils, in line with the behaviour policy, if a pupil engages in any of the following **at any time** (even if they are not on school premises):

- Using ICT or the internet to breach intellectual property rights or copyright
- Using ICT or the internet to bully or harass someone else, or to promote unlawful discrimination

- Breaching the school's policies or procedures
- Any illegal conduct, or statements which are deemed to be advocating illegal activity
- Accessing, creating, storing, linking to or sending material that is pornographic, offensive, obscene or otherwise inappropriate
- Consensual and non-consensual sharing of nude and semi-nude images and/or videos and/or livestreams (also known as sexting or youth produced sexual imagery)
- Activity which defames or disparages the school, or risks bringing the school into disrepute
- Sharing confidential information about the school, other pupils, or other members of the school community
- Gaining or attempting to gain access to restricted areas of the network, or to any password protected information, without approval from authorised personnel
- Allowing, encouraging, or enabling others to gain (or attempt to gain) unauthorised access to the school's ICT facilities
- Causing intentional damage to ICT facilities or materials
- Causing a data breach by accessing, modifying, or sharing data (including personal data) to which a user is not supposed to have access, or without authorisation
- Using inappropriate or offensive language

6.4 Use of Mobile Phones

- All pupils are prohibited from the use of mobile phones during the school day whilst on site. This includes before and immediately after school while pupils are on our school premises.
- All phones must be turned off and handed across to the class teacher on arrival at school and will be returned at the end of the school day. Phones are kept securely in school by the class teacher.
- Any pupil who does not hand across a mobile phone may have that device confiscated by a member of staff and then given to the head teacher or a member of SLT for parents or carers to collect.
- This is to protect children from distraction or online bullying during the school day and to teach them good habits around mobile phone use. It is to promote welfare of children and high standards of behaviour.
- This rule applies to any other smart technology with similar functionality to mobile phones (for example the ability to send and/or receive notifications or messages via mobile phone networks or the ability to record audio and/or video) throughout the school day, including during lessons, the time between lessons, breaktimes and lunchtime.
- Occasionally there may be a necessary adaptation to this, for example, an older diabetic pupil who monitors their insulin levels via a mobile device. This is at the discretion of the headteacher. Where this is the case, the pupil must only use their mobile device for the purposes of monitoring their medication. Any inappropriate use would be addressed with the child and parent/carer in line with our behaviour policy.
- Occasionally we may allow older children to bring a mobile phone on a school trip, for the express use of photography. During the trip children will not be allowed to access the internet, make calls or send messages.
- Any sanctions around inappropriate use of a mobile phone on school premises or outside of school will be determined in line with the school's behaviour policy.
- Online bullying is never tolerated or acceptable.
- This is communicated to parents on entry to school and as appropriate.

7. Parents and Carers

7.1 Access to ICT facilities and materials

Parents do not have access to the school's ICT facilities as a matter of course.

However, parents working for, or with the school in an official capacity (for instance, as a volunteer or as a member of the PTA Friends) may be granted an appropriate level of access, or be permitted to use the school's facilities at the headteacher's discretion.

Where parents are granted access in this way, they must abide by this policy as it applies to staff.

7.2 Communicating with or about the school online

We believe it is important to model for pupils, and help them learn, how to communicate respectfully with, and about, others online.

Parents play a vital role in helping model this behaviour for their children, especially when communicating with the school through our website and social media channels.

We ask parents to sign the agreement in appendix 2.

8. Data security

The school is responsible for making sure it has the appropriate level of security protection and procedures in place. It therefore takes steps to protect the security of its computing resources, data and user accounts. However, the school cannot guarantee security. Staff, pupils, parents and others who use the school's ICT facilities should use safe computing practices at all times.

8.1 Passwords

All users of the school's ICT facilities should set strong passwords for their accounts and keep these passwords secure.

Users are responsible for the security of their passwords and accounts, and for setting permissions for accounts and files they control.

Members of staff or pupils who disclose account or password information may face disciplinary action. Parents or volunteers who disclose account or password information may have their access rights revoked.

All staff should use a password manager to help them store their passwords securely.

8.2 Software updates, firewalls and anti-virus software

All of the school's ICT devices that support software updates, security updates and anti-virus products will be configured to perform such updates regularly or automatically.

Users must not circumvent or make any attempt to circumvent the administrative, physical and technical safeguards we implement and maintain to protect personal data and the school's ICT facilities.

Any personal devices using the school's network must all be configured in this way.

8.3 Data protection

All personal data must be processed and stored in line with data protection regulations and the school's data protection policy.

8.4 Access to facilities and materials

All users of the school's ICT facilities will have clearly defined access rights to school systems, files and devices.

These access rights are managed by network manager.

Users should not access, or attempt to access, systems, files or devices to which they have not been granted access. If access is provided in error, or if something a user should not have access to is shared with them, they should alert the network manager immediately.

Users should always log out of systems and lock their equipment when they are not in use to avoid any unauthorised access. Equipment and systems should always be logged out of and closed down completely at the end of each working day.

8.5 Encryption

The school ensures that its devices and systems have an appropriate level of encryption.

School staff may only use personal devices (including computers and USB drives) to access school data, work remotely, or take personal data (such as pupil information) out of school if they have been specifically authorised to do so by the headteacher.

Use of such personal devices will only be authorised if the devices have appropriate levels of security and encryption, as defined by the network manager.

9. Protection from cyber attacks

Please see the glossary (appendix 6) to help you understand cyber security terminology.

The school will:

- Work with governors and the network manager to make sure cyber security is given the time and resources it needs to make the school secure.
- Provide annual and induction training for staff on the basics of cyber security.
- Make sure staff are aware of its procedures for reporting and responding to cyber security incidents.
- Investigate whether our IT software needs updating or replacing to be more secure.
- Not engage in ransom requests from ransomware attacks, as this would not guarantee recovery of data.
- Put controls in place that are:
 - **Proportionate:** the network manager will complete regular audits to keep the system safe from cyber-attacks and keep staff up-to-date
 - **Multi-layered:** everyone will be clear on what to look out for to keep our systems safe
 - **Up-to-date:** with a system in place to monitor when the school needs to update its software
 - **Regularly reviewed and tested:** to make sure the systems are as up to scratch and secure as they can be
- Ensure that the network manager has a backup policy in place so that critical data is regularly backed up and secure.
- Delegate specific responsibility for maintaining the security of the school's management information system (MIS) to the network manager.
- Ensure staff are supported to:
 - Enable multi-factor authentication
 - Store passwords securely using a password manager
- Ensure that the network manager is provided with the correct information to assign permission and admin rights to staff accounts.
- Ensure that there is boundary protection in place, for example, a firewall.
- Ensure that there is a secure filtering and monitoring capability for all devices and users.
- Check that its supply chain is secure, where a supplier has access to sensitive information, for example by asking suppliers about how secure their business practices are and seeing if they have the [Cyber Essentials](#) certification.
- Ensure that the network manager has a cyber incident response plan which is regularly reviewed and tested.
- Work with our LA to see what it can offer the school regarding cyber security, such as advice on which service providers to use or assistance with procurement.

10. Internet access

The school wireless internet connection is secured.

- Through access control
- Through the use of filtering and monitoring
- Through the use of separate connections for staff and pupils

10.1 Pupils

Pupils only use the school wifi using school equipment. Laptops and ipads are already logged into the wifi and no pupils have access to wifi codes.

On occasions, there may be specific exceptional circumstances for a pupil to connect to the school wifi, for example, a medical need. A member of the school staff would enter the security information into the pupil's device, such as the network password.

The headteacher will grant authorisation where there is a relevant need for a pupils device to be connected to the wifi.

10.2 Parents and visitors

Parents and visitors to the school will not be permitted to use the school's wifi unless specific authorisation is granted by the headteacher.

The headteacher will only grant authorisation if:

- Parents are working with the school in an official capacity (e.g. as a volunteer or as a member of the PTA Friends)

11. Monitoring and review

The headteacher and network manager monitor the implementation of this policy, including ensuring it is updated to reflect the needs and circumstances of the school.

This policy will be reviewed annually

The governing body is responsible for approving this policy.

12. Related policies

This policy should be read alongside the school's policies on:

- Safeguarding and child protection
- Behaviour
- Staff code of conduct
- Data protection
- Privacy Notice(s)
- Remote learning
- Computing

Appendix 1: Social Media guidance sheet for staff

Don't accept friend requests from pupils on social media

10 guidelines for school staff on social media- consider:

1. Changing your display name – use your first and middle name, use a maiden name, or put your surname backwards instead
2. Changing your profile picture to something unidentifiable, or if not, ensure that the image is appropriate
3. Check your privacy settings regularly
4. Be careful about tagging other staff members in images or posts
5. Don't share anything publicly that you wouldn't be just as happy showing your pupils
6. Don't use social media sites during school hours
7. Don't make comments about your job, your colleagues, our school or your pupils online – once it's out there, it's out there
8. Don't associate yourself with the school on your profile (e.g. by setting it as your workplace, or by 'checking in' at a school event)
9. Don't link your work email address to your social media accounts. Anyone who has this address (or your personal email address/mobile number) is able to find you using this information

Check your privacy settings

- Change the visibility of your posts and photos to **'Friends only'**, rather than 'Friends of friends'. Otherwise, pupils and their families may still be able to read your posts, see things you've shared and look at your pictures if they're friends with anybody on your contacts list
- Don't forget to check your **old posts and photos** – go to bit.ly/2MdQXMN to find out how to limit the visibility of previous posts
- The public may still be able to see posts you've **'liked'**, even if your profile settings are private, because this depends on the privacy settings of the original poster
- **Google your name** to see what information about you is visible to the public
- Prevent search engines from indexing your profile so that people can't **search for you by name** – go to bit.ly/2zMdVht to find out how to do this
- Remember that **some information is always public**; your display name, profile picture, cover photo, user ID (in the URL for your profile), country, age range and gender

What to do if...

A pupil adds you on social media

- In the first instance, ignore and delete the request. Block the pupil from viewing your profile
- Check your privacy settings again, and consider changing your display name or profile picture
- If the pupil asks you about the friend request in person, tell them that you're not allowed to accept friend requests from pupils and that if they persist, you'll have to notify senior leadership and/or their parents. If the pupil persists, take a screenshot of their request and any accompanying messages
- Notify the senior leadership team or the headteacher about what's happening

A parent adds you on social media

- It is at your discretion whether to respond. Bear in mind that:
 - Responding to one parent's friend request or message might set an unwelcome precedent for both you and other teachers at the school
 - Pupils may then have indirect access through their parent's account to anything you post, share, comment on or are tagged in
- If you wish to decline the offer or ignore the message, consider drafting a stock response to let the parent know that you're doing so

You're being harassed on social media, or somebody is spreading something offensive about you

- **Do not** retaliate or respond in any way
- Save evidence of the offense by taking screenshots and recording the time and date it occurred
- Seek advice from a senior member of staff and/or the police depending on the nature of the offense
- Report the material to the relevant social network and ask them to remove it
- If the perpetrator is a current pupil or staff member, our existing behaviour or staff code of conduct procedures are usually sufficient to deal with online incidents
- If the perpetrator is a parent or other external adult, a senior member of staff should invite them to a meeting to address any reasonable concerns or complaints and/or request they remove the offending comments or material
- If the comments are racist, sexist, of a sexual nature or constitute a hate crime, you or a senior leader should consider contacting the police

Appendix 2: Acceptable use of the internet: agreement for parents and carers

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Technology has transformed learning, entertainment and communication for individuals and for all organisations that work with children. However, the use of technology can also bring risks. All users should have an entitlement to safe internet access at all times.

The school will aim to ensure that all pupils will have good access to ICT to enhance their learning and in return, will expect them to agree to be responsible users.

School will take every reasonable precaution, including monitoring and filtering systems, to ensure that all children will be safe when they use the internet and ICT systems.

Acceptable Use Agreement intends to ensure that:

- All children will be responsible users and stay safe while using ICT (especially the internet).
- Parents and carers are aware of the importance of e-safety and are involved in the education and guidance of children with regard to their on-line behaviour.
- That parents and carers will seek to uphold the good name of the school within the community and will not bring the school or any member of the school community into disrepute through the use of social networking or the internet.

Permission for my child to use the internet and electronic communication

As parent / carer I give permission for my son / daughter to have access to the internet and to ICT systems at the school.

I know that my son / daughter has received, or will receive, age appropriate e-safety education to help them understand the importance of safe and responsible use of ICT – both in and out of school.

I will encourage my child to adopt safe use of the internet and digital technologies at home and will inform the school if I have concerns over my child's e-safety.

I will not bring the school or any member of the school community into disrepute through inappropriate use of social networking or the internet.

Child's Name:	
Parent/ carers signature:	
Date:	

Child's Full Name:

Permission to use digital images (still and video) of my child

The use of digital images (still and video) plays an important part in learning activities. Pupils and members of staff may use the school digital cameras to record evidence of activities in lessons and out of the school.

Images may also be used to celebrate success through their publication in newsletters, on the school website and occasionally in the public media.

The school will comply with the Data Protection Act and request parents / carers permission before taking images of pupils. The school will also ensure that only responsible publication will take place.

As the parent/carer I agree to the school taking and using digital images of my child.

I understand that the images will only be used to support learning activities or in publicity that reasonably celebrates success and promotes the work of the school.

I agree that if I take digital or video images at school events which include images of children, I will abide by these guidelines in my use of these images. I agree that I will not post such images of children, other than my own, on social networking sites.

Parent/carer's signature:	
Date:	

Permission to publish my child's work (including on the internet)

It is our school policy, from time to time, to publish the work of pupils by way of celebration. This includes on newsletters or on the internet via the school website or Twitter account.

As the parent / carer I give my permission for this activity.

Parent/carer's signature:	
Date:	

Permission for my child to participate in video-calls

Videocall technology is occasionally used by the school to enhance learning – for example, by linking to an author, artist or external "expert", or to an overseas educational partner such as our link school in Tanzania. Video calls only takes place under teacher-supervision. Independent pupil use of video-calling is not allowed at any time.

As the parent / carer I give my permission for this activity:

Parent/carer's signature:	
Date:	

Permission for my child to access and use Seesaw, Timestables Rock Stars and other online teaching and learning tools

External teaching and learning platforms are used by the school to communicate and share homework and remote learning – pupil work is saved as a blog or journal within a password protected website. This work is visible to teaching staff and is regularly reviewed. Seesaw sometimes has work with links to other websites, for example to White Rose Maths and Oak National Academy.

As the parent / carer I give my permission for this activity:

Parent/carer's signature:	
Date:	

The school's e-safety policy can be found in the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy. This, and the age-related pupil agreements, can be found on the school's Acceptable Use Policy. Both are available on the school website or from the school office.

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C of E Primary School

I understand that while I am a member of St Barnabas CE Primary School I must use technology in a responsible way.

For my own personal safety:

- I understand that my use of technology (especially when I use the internet) will be supervised and monitored.
- I will keep my password safe and will not use anyone else's (even with their permission).
- I will keep my own personal information safe, as well as that of others.
- I will tell a trusted adult if anything makes me feel uncomfortable or upset when I see it online.

For the safety of others:

- I will not interfere with the way that others use their technology.
- I will be polite and responsible when I communicate with others.
- I will not take or share images of anyone without their permission.

For the safety of the school:

- I will not try to access anything illegal or against the law.
- I will not download anything that I do not have the right to use.
- I will only use my own personal device if I have permission and use it within the agreed rules.
- I will not deliberately bypass any systems designed to keep the school safe.
- I will tell a responsible person if I find any damage or faults with technology, however this may have happened.
- I will not attempt to install programmes of any type on devices belonging to the school without permission.
- I will only use social networking, gaming and chat through the sites the school allows.

KS2 Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement Form

I understand that I am responsible for my actions and the consequences. I have read and understood the above and agree to follow these guidelines:

Name:	
Signed:	
Date:	

Appendix 4: Acceptable use agreement for younger pupils

Acceptable Use Agreement – pupil (KS1, Early Years and Pre-School)

St. Barnabas C.E. Primary School



St Barnabas
C of E Primary School

This is how we stay safe when we use computers:

- I will ask an adult if I want to use the computer/iPad.
- I will only use activities if an adult says it is OK.
- I will take care of the computer and other equipment.
- I will ask for help from an adult if I am not sure what to do or if I think I have done something wrong.
- I will turn off the monitor and tell an adult if I see something that upsets me on the screen.
- I know that if I break the rules I might not be allowed to use a computer or i-pad.

I understand these computer rules and will do my best to keep them.

Signed (child):	
OR Parent/ Carer's signature	
Date:	

Appendix 5: Acceptable use agreement for staff, governors, volunteers and visitors

St. Barnabas C.E. Primary School



St Barnabas
CofE Primary School

Technology has transformed learning, entertainment and communication for individuals and for all organisations that work with young people. However, the use of technology can also bring risks. All users should have an entitlement to safe internet access at all times.

I understand that I must use school ICT systems in a responsible way, to ensure that there is no risk to my safety or to the safety and security of the ICT systems and other users. I will, where possible, educate the young people in my care in the safe use of ICT and embed e-safety in my work with young people.

For my professional and personal safety:

- I understand that the school will monitor my use of the ICT systems, email and other digital communications.
- I understand that the rules set out in this agreement also apply to use of school ICT systems (e.g. laptops, email, learning platform) out of the school.
- I understand that the school ICT systems are primarily intended for educational use and that I will only use the systems for personal or recreational use within the policies and rules set down in the e-safety policy.
- I will not disclose my username or password to anyone else, nor will I try to use any other person's username and password.
- I will immediately report any illegal, inappropriate or harmful material or incident of which I become aware, to the appropriate person.
- I understand that I must not use my personal mobile phone or tablet to take photographs of the children or make phone calls within the Pre-School setting and that my personal mobile phone will remain in the kitchen area away from children and parents.

I will be professional in my communications and actions when using school ICT systems:

- I will not access, copy, remove or otherwise alter any other user's files, without their express permission.
- I will communicate with others in a professional manner, I will not use aggressive or inappropriate language and I appreciate that others may have different opinions.
- I will ensure that when I take and / or publish images of others I will do so with their permission and in accordance with the school's policy on the use of digital images. I will not use my personal equipment to record these images.
- Where images are published (e.g. on the school website) I will ensure that it will not be possible to identify by name, or other personal information, those who are featured.
- I will only use chat and social networking sites in school in accordance with the school's policies.
- I will only communicate with pupils and parents / carers using official school systems. Any such communication will be professional in tone and manner.
- I will not engage in any on-line activity that may compromise my professional responsibilities.

The school and the local authority have the responsibility to provide safe and secure access to technologies and ensure the smooth running of the school:

- I will only use my personal mobile ICT devices as agreed in the e-safety policy and then with the same care as if I was using school equipment. I will ensure that any such devices are protected by up to date anti-virus software and are free from viruses.
- I will not use personal email addresses on the school ICT systems except in exceptional circumstances.

- I will not open any attachments to emails, unless the source is known and trusted, due to the risk of the attachment containing viruses or other harmful programmes.
- I will ensure that my data is regularly backed up in accordance with relevant school policies.
- I will not try to upload, download or access any materials which are illegal (child sexual abuse images, criminally racist material, adult pornography covered by the Obscene Publications Act) or inappropriate or may cause harm or distress to others. I will not try to use any programmes or software that might allow me to bypass the filtering / security systems in place to prevent access to such materials.
- I will not try (unless I have permission) to make large downloads or uploads that might take up internet capacity and prevent other users from being able to carry out their work.
- I will not install or attempt to install programmes of any type on a machine, or store programmes on a computer, nor will I try to alter computer settings, unless this is allowed in school policies.
- I will not disable or cause any damage to school equipment, or the equipment belonging to others.
- I will only transport, hold, disclose or share personal information about myself or others, as outlined in the School Personal Data Policy. **I understand that where personal data is transferred outside the secure school network, it must be encrypted.**
- I will not take or access pupil data, or other sensitive school data, off-site without specific approval. If approved to do so, I will take every precaution to ensure the security of the data.
- I understand that data protection policy requires that any staff or pupil data to which I have access, will be kept private and confidential, except when it is deemed necessary that I am required by law or by school policy to disclose such information to an appropriate authority.
- I will immediately report any damage or faults involving equipment or software, however this may have happened.

When using the internet in my professional capacity or for sanctioned personal use:

- I will ensure that I have permission to use the original work of others in my own work
- Where work is protected by copyright, I will not download or distribute copies (including music and videos).

I understand that I am responsible for my actions in and out of school:

- I understand that this Acceptable Use Agreement applies not only to my work and use of school ICT equipment, but also applies to my use of school ICT systems and equipment out of the school and to my use of personal equipment in the school or in situations related to my employment by the school.
- I understand that if I fail to comply with this Acceptable Use Agreement, I could be subject to disciplinary action. This could involve a warning, a suspension, referral to Governors and/or the Local Authority and/or other relevant bodies including, in the event of illegal activities, the involvement of the police.

I have read and understand the above and agree to use the school ICT systems (both in and out of the school) within these guidelines.

Staff / volunteer Name:	
Signed:	
Date:	

Appendix 6: Glossary of cyber security terminology

These key terms will help you to understand the common forms of cyber attack and the measures the school will put in place. They're from the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) [glossary](#).

TERM	DEFINITION
Antivirus	Software designed to detect, stop and remove malicious software and viruses.
Cloud	Where you can store and access your resources (including data and software) via the internet, instead of locally on physical devices.
Cyber attack	An attempt to access, damage or disrupt your computer systems, networks or devices maliciously.
Cyber incident	Where the security of your system or service has been breached.
Cyber security	The protection of your devices, services and networks (and the information they contain) from theft or damage.
Download attack	Where malicious software or a virus is downloaded unintentionally onto a device without the user's knowledge or consent.
Firewall	Hardware or software that uses a defined rule set to constrain network traffic – this is to prevent unauthorised access to or from a network.
Hacker	Someone with some computer skills who uses them to break into computers, systems and networks.
Malware	Malicious software. This includes viruses, trojans or any code or content that can adversely impact individuals or organisations.
Patching	Updating firmware or software to improve security and/or enhance functionality.
Pentest	Short for penetration test. This is an authorised test of a computer network or system to look for security weaknesses.
Phishing	Untargeted, mass emails sent to many people asking for sensitive information (like bank details) or encouraging them to visit a fake website.
Ransomware	Malicious software that stops you from using your data or systems until you make a payment.
Social engineering	Manipulating people into giving information or carrying out specific actions that an attacker can use.

TERM	DEFINITION
Spear-phishing	A more targeted form of phishing where an email is designed to look like it's from a person the recipient knows and/or trusts.
Trojan	A type of malware/virus designed to look like legitimate software that can be used to hack a victim's computer.
Two-factor/multi-factor authentication	Using 2 or more different components to verify a user's identity.
Virus	Programs designed to self-replicate and infect legitimate software programs or systems.
Virtual Private Network (VPN)	An encrypted network which allows remote users to connect securely.
Whaling	Highly targeted phishing attacks (where emails are made to look legitimate) aimed at senior executives.