



ALMOND HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL  
GOVERNING BODY

Online safety including remote  
learning, mobile phone use and  
social media

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## 1. Introduction

Almond Hill Junior School recognises that internet, mobile and digital technologies provide positive opportunities for children and young people to learn, socialise and play but they also need to understand the challenges and risks. The digital world is an amazing place, but with few rules. It is vast and fast moving and young people's future economic success may be partly dependent on their online skills and reputation. We are, therefore, committed to ensuring that **all** pupils, staff and governors will be supported to use internet, mobile and digital technologies safely. This is part of our safeguarding responsibility. Staff are aware that some pupils may require additional support or teaching, including reminders, prompts and further explanation to reinforce their knowledge and understanding of online safety issues.

We are also committed to ensuring that all those who work with children and young people, including their parents/carers, are informed about the ever-changing risks so that they can take an active part in helping children and young people navigate the online world safely and confidently.

## 2. Responsibilities

The headteacher and governors have ultimate responsibility to ensure that appropriate online safety policy and practice is embedded and monitored. The named online safety lead in this school is Roisin Lyons.

All breaches of this policy that may have put a child at risk must also be reported to the Headteacher who is the DSL.

Organisations that are renting space from the school and are a totally separate organisation should have and follow their own online safety policy and acceptable use agreements. However, if the organisation has any access to the school network, Cloud-based services and/or equipment then they must adhere to the school's online safety procedures and acceptable use agreements.

If the organisation is operating in school time or when pupils are on site in the care of the school, then the safeguarding of pupils is paramount and the organisation must adhere to the school's online safety procedures and acceptable use agreements.

## 3. Scope of policy

The policy applies to:

- pupils
- parents/carers
- teaching and support staff
- school governors
- peripatetic teachers/coaches, supply teachers, student teachers
- visitors
- Volunteers
- voluntary, statutory or community organisations using the school's facilities

The school also works with partners and other providers to ensure that pupils who receive part of their education off site or who are on a school trip or residential are safe online.

The school provides online safety information for parents/carers, for example, through the website, in newsletters and at events. It is important that parents/carers understand their key role in supporting their child/ren to behave appropriately and keep themselves safe online.

This policy, supported by its acceptable use agreements, is intended to protect the interests and safety of the whole school community. It is linked to the following other school policies and documents: safeguarding, Keeping Children Safe in Education, GDPR, Health and Safety, Behaviour, Anti-Bullying and PSHE/RSE policies.

#### 4. Policy and procedure

The school seeks to ensure that internet, mobile and digital technologies are used effectively and safely, for their intended educational purpose, in ways that will not infringe legal requirements or create unnecessary risk.

The school expects everyone to use internet, mobile and digital technologies responsibly and strictly according to the conditions set out in this policy. This policy also includes expectations on appropriate online behaviour and use of technology outside of school for pupils, parents/carers, staff and governors and all other visitors to the school.

##### Use of email

Staff and governors should use a school email account or Governor Hub for all official school communication to ensure everyone is protected through the traceability of communication. Under no circumstances should staff contact pupils, parents or conduct any school business using a personal email address. Pupils should use school approved accounts on the school system for educational purposes. Where required parent/carer permission will be obtained for the pupil account to exist. For advice on emailing, sharing personal or confidential information or the need to gain parent permission refer to the Data Protection Policy and Breach Response Plan. Emails created or received as part of any school role will be subject to disclosure in response to a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Staff, governors and pupils should not open emails or attachments from suspect sources and should report their receipt to Headteacher/School Business Manager.

**Users must not** send emails which are offensive, embarrassing or upsetting to anyone (i.e. cyberbullying).

##### Visiting online sites and downloading

- Staff must preview sites, software and apps before their use in school or before recommending them to pupils. Before using any online service that requires user accounts to be created or the sharing of any personal data, staff must consult with the Data Protection Officer (Richard Maskrey, contactable via SBM) with details of the site/service and seek approval from SBM. The terms and conditions of the service should be read and adhered to, and parental/carer permission sought where required. If internet research is set for homework, specific sites may be suggested that have been checked by the teacher. All users must observe copyright of materials from electronic sources.
- When working with pupils, searching for images should be done through the Lightspeed Filter or a similar application that provides greater safety than a standard search engine.

##### **Users must not:**

Visit internet sites, make, post, download, upload or pass on, material, remarks, proposals or comments that contain or relate to:

- Indecent images of children actually or apparently under the age of 18 or images of child abuse (i.e. images of children, digital or cartoons, involved in sexual activity or posed to be sexually provocative)
- Indecent images of vulnerable people over the age of 18 (i.e. images of vulnerable people, digital or cartoons involved in sexual activity or posed to be sexually provocative)
- Adult material that breaches the Obscene Publications Act in the UK
- Promoting discrimination of any kind in relation to the protected characteristics: age, disability, gender

reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race or ethnicity, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation

- Promoting hatred against any individual or group from the protected characteristics above
- Promoting illegal acts including physical or sexual abuse of children or adults, violence, bomb making, drug and alcohol abuse and software piracy
- Any material that may bring the school or any individual within it into disrepute e.g. promotion of violence, gambling, libel and disrespect

**Users must not:**

- Reveal or publicise confidential or proprietary information
- Intentionally interfere with the normal operation of the internet connection, including the propagation of computer viruses
- Transmit unsolicited commercial or advertising material either to other users, or to organisations connected to other networks except where permission has been given to the school
- Use the school's hardware and Wi-Fi facilities for running a private business
- Intimidate, threaten or cause harm to others
- Access or interfere in any way with other users' accounts
- Use software or hardware that has been prohibited by the school

From 2022, the school is moving to The Cloud. Staff using The Cloud have been instructed to ensure any downloads are removed and no copies are left on their device.

All breaches of prohibited behaviours detailed above will be investigated, where appropriate, in liaison with the police.

The school recognises that in certain planned curricular activities, access to controversial and/or offensive online content may be beneficial for educational use. In such circumstances, there is an expectation that access is pre-planned, risk assessed and recorded, and permission given by the Headteacher.

Storage of Images

Photographs and videos provide valuable evidence of pupils' achievement and progress in a variety of contexts and can be used to celebrate the work of the school. In line with GDPR they are used only with the written consent of parents/carers which is secured in the first instance on a child's entry to the school. Records are kept on file and consent can be changed by parents/carers at any time. (See Data Protection Policy and Breach Response Plan for greater clarification).

Photographs and videos/media of pupils are only stored on the school's agreed secure networks which include some Cloud based services. Rights of access to stored images are restricted to approved staff as determined by the Headteacher. Staff and pupils may have temporary access to photographs taken during a class session, but these will be transferred/deleted promptly.

Parents/carers should note that there may be some children who are at risk and must not have their image put online and others who do not want their image online. For these reasons parents/carers must follow the school's Acceptable Use Agreement and refrain from taking or posting online photographs of any member of the school community, other than their own child/ren.

Staff and other professionals working with pupils, must only use school equipment to record images of pupils whether on or off site. Permission to use images of all staff who work at the school is sought on induction and a written record is located in the personnel file.

#### Use of personal mobile devices (including phones)

The school allows staff, including temporary and peripatetic staff, and visitors to use personal mobile phones and devices only in designated areas and never in the presence of pupils. Under no circumstance does the school allow a member of staff to contact a pupil or parent/carer using their personal device without withholding their number and this would always be if there was no viable alternative.

We prefer parents not to use their phones on school premises.

Entering the school, visitors are made aware of our mobile phone procedure. They are asked to turn their phones to silent and not to use them in teaching areas of the school.

Pupils in year 5 and 6 are allowed to bring personal mobile devices/phones to school if they come to school independently but must switch off as they enter school and not use during the school day. Phones will be kept in a box in classrooms and collected by pupils at the end of the school day. The school does not allow pupils to carry mobile phones on trips or visits including residential visits. The school takes no responsibility for phones at school. Under no circumstances should pupils use their mobile phones to take pictures whilst on school premises. Under no circumstance should pupils use their personal mobile devices/phones to take images of

- any other pupil unless they and their parents have given agreement in advance
- any member of staff

Users bringing personal devices into school must ensure there is no inappropriate or illegal content on the device.

Personal mobiles can only be used to access school e-mail and data where there are 2 layers of security. This means there is a password to access the device and a further password to access the e-mail/data. For example e-mail apps cannot be used if this means they remain open.

Children are not permitted to wear 'smart' watches in school.

#### The use of social media for staff

Social media has been defined as any online platform that allows parties to communicate with each other or share data in a public forum.

Employees must limit their personal use of social media on their own equipment to rest breaks such as lunch or breaktimes.

#### Prohibited use

Employees must not abuse their position of trust with pupils including, but not limited to:

- Accepting any current pupils or former pupil under the age of 18 as friends, or requesting such friendships
- Communicating personally with pupils
- Posting photographs of pupils on sites not agreed by the school
- Commenting about or naming pupils

Employees must avoid making any social media communications that could damage the school's interests or reputation even indirectly.

Employees must not use social media to:

- Defame or disparage the school, its employees or any third party

- Harass, bully to unlawfully discriminate against staff or any third parties
- Make false or misleading statements
- Impersonate colleagues or third parties

#### Business use of social media

If an employee is contacted for comments about the school for publication anywhere including social media, the enquiry should be directed to the Headteacher and the employee should not respond without their written approval.

The employee must not express opinions on the school's behalf unless authorised to do so by the headteacher. The employee should not post comments about sensitive school-related topics, such as the school's performance, internal disputes involving pupils, parents or employees or do anything to jeopardise the school's confidential information regarding pupils and other employees. They must not use the school's logo or any other trademarks unless expressly authorised to do so.

Employees should never provide professional references on behalf of the school for other individuals without the express authority of the Headteacher including those on social networking sites. These whether positive or negative can be attributed to the school and create legal liability for the author and school.

#### Guidelines for the responsible use of social media

The employee should make it clear in social media postings that they are speaking on their own behalf. They should be respectful to others when making any statement on social media and be aware they are personally responsible for all communications which are published on the internet for anyone to see. Employees should use the privacy and access settings whilst being aware that they cannot control the use of their postings by others.

If the employee becomes aware of social media content that disparages or reflects poorly upon the school they should contact the head teacher.

#### Monitoring

The school reserves the right to monitor, intercept and review, without any further notice, employee activities using school, IT resources and communication systems, including but not limited to social media postings and activities to ensure that school rules are being complied with and for legitimate school purposes.

#### Breach of this policy

Breach of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. The employee may be required to remove any social media content that the school considers to constitute a breach of this policy. Failure to comply with such as request may in itself result in disciplinary action.

#### New technological devices

New personal technological devices may offer opportunities for teaching and learning. However, the school must consider educational benefit and carry out risk assessment before use in school is allowed. Parents/carers, pupils and staff should not assume that new technological devices will be allowed in school and should check with Headteacher before they are brought into school.

#### Reporting incidents, abuse and inappropriate material

There may be occasions in school when either a pupil or an adult receives an offensive, abusive or inappropriate message or accidentally accesses upsetting or abusive material. When such a situation occurs the pupil or adult must report the incident immediately to the first available member of staff, the DSL, the Headteacher or School Business Manager. Where such an incident may lead to significant harm,

safeguarding procedures should be followed. The school takes the reporting of such incidents seriously and where judged necessary, the DSL will refer details to social care or the police.

## **5. Curriculum**

Online safety is fully embedded within our curriculum. The school provides a comprehensive age appropriate curriculum for online safety which enables pupils to become informed, safe and responsible. This includes teaching to prevent radicalisation, for which staff provide a narrative to counter extremism. The PSHE curriculum and Relationships and Health Curriculum are central in supporting the delivery of online safety education.

The curriculum is flexible and can respond to any immediate online safety issues and risks as they emerge.

It is necessary for pupils to develop skills of critical awareness, digital resilience and good online citizenship to enable them to use internet, mobile and digital technologies safely and responsibly. Pupils are taught to recognise the creative, collaborative, cultural, economic and educational opportunities provided by the internet, mobile and digital technologies. Curriculum work will also include areas such as:

- Understanding how to use the internet, mobile and digital technologies in a balanced and appropriate way to avoid negative impact on wellbeing, e.g. regulated screen time and diverse online activity
- Learning how to develop a positive online reputation and enhance future opportunities e.g. in relationships and employment
- Developing critical thinking skills and the confidence to challenge and question what they see and read in relation to online content e.g. recognising fake news and extremism, understanding commercial manipulation, maintaining an authentic sense of self that is resilient to online pressure, learning how easy it is to lie online (i.e. users may not be who they say they are and may have ulterior motives) Understanding the dangers of giving out personal details online and the importance of maintaining maximum privacy online
- Thinking carefully before placing images online and considering their appropriateness and understanding the importance of gaining consent before posting photographs of others
- Understanding the permanency of all online postings and conversations
- Understanding relevant legislation, including copyright, and the importance of respecting other people's information, reputation and images.
- Understanding the importance of online respect and what constitutes cyberbullying, how to avoid it, the impact it has and how to access help.
- How the law can help protect against online risks and abuse

## **6. Staff and Governor Training**

Staff and governors are trained to fulfil their roles in online safety. The school audits the training needs of all school staff and provides regular training to improve their knowledge and expertise in the safe and appropriate use of internet, mobile and digital technologies. This training is recorded as part of safeguarding records.

New staff are provided with a copy of the online safety policy and must sign the school's Acceptable Use Agreement as part of their induction and before having contact with pupils.

Any organisation working with children and based on the school premises are also provided with a copy of the online safety policy and required to sign the Acceptable Use Agreement (Appendix B).

Peripatetic staff, student teachers and regular visitors are provided with a copy of the online safety policy and are required to sign the Acceptable Use Agreement (Appendix B).

Guidance is provided for occasional visitors, volunteers and parent/carer helpers (Appendix C).

## **7. Working in Partnership with Parents/Carers**

The school works closely with families to help ensure that children can use internet, mobile and digital technologies safely and responsibly both at home and school. The support of parents/carers is essential to implement the online safety policy effectively and help keep children safe.

It is important that parents/carers understand the crucial role they play in this process. The school seeks to regularly consult and discuss online safety with parents/carers and seeks to promote a wide understanding of the benefits of new technologies and associated risks. The school provides regular updated online safety information through the school website, newsletters and by other means.

Parents/carers are asked on admission to read, discuss with each child the Acceptable Use Agreement. A summary of key parent/carer responsibilities will also be provided and is available in Appendix E. The Acceptable Use Agreement explains the school's expectations and pupil and parent/carer responsibilities.

## **8. Records, monitoring and review**

The school recognises the need to record online safety incidents and to monitor and review policies and procedures regularly in order to ensure they are effective and that the risks to pupils and staff are minimised.

All breaches of this policy must be reported and all reported incidents will be logged. All staff have the individual responsibility to ensure that incidents have been correctly recorded, acted upon and reported. Online safety incidents involving pupils are recorded on the school CPOMs system.

The school supports pupils and staff who have been affected by a policy breach. Where there is inappropriate or illegal use of internet, mobile and digital technologies, this will be dealt with under the school's behaviour and disciplinary policies as appropriate. Breaches may also lead to criminal or civil proceedings.

Governors receive termly summary data on recorded online safety incidents for monitoring purposes. In addition, governors ensure they have sufficient, quality information to enable them to make a judgement about the fitness for purpose of this policy on an annual basis.

## **Appendix A - Online Safety Acceptable Use Agreement - Staff, Governors and student teachers (on placement or on staff)**

You must read this agreement in conjunction with the online safety policy and the GDPR policy. Once you have read these, you must sign and submit this agreement and it will be kept on record in the school. You should retain your own copy for reference. This forms part of your professional and safeguarding responsibilities.

Internet, mobile and digital technologies are part of our daily working life and this agreement is designed to ensure that all staff and governors are aware of their responsibilities in relation to their use. All staff, student teachers and governors are expected to adhere to this agreement and to the online safety policy. Any concerns or clarification should be discussed with Head teacher. Breaches will be investigated, recorded and, where appropriate, disciplinary procedures will apply and police involvement will be sought.

### **Internet Access**

I will not access or attempt to access any sites that contain any of the following: child abuse; pornography; discrimination of any kind; promotion of prejudice against any group; promotion of illegal acts; any other information which may be illegal or offensive. Inadvertent access on school equipment must be treated as an online safety incident, reported to the online safety lead and/or DSL and an incident report completed.

### **Online conduct**

I will only use the school's email/intranet/internet and any related technologies for professional purposes or for uses deemed reasonable by the Chair of Governors.

I will comply with the IT system security and not disclose any passwords provided to me by the school or other related authorities.

I will ensure that my online activity, both in and outside school, will not bring the school, my professional reputation, or that of others, into disrepute.

I will not browse, download, upload or distribute any material that could be considered offensive, illegal or discriminatory. Exceptionally, use of controversial material as part of the curriculum should be planned and approved on every occasion (see policy).

I will report any accidental access to or receipt of inappropriate materials or filtering breach to Headteacher/School Business Manager

I understand that all my use of the internet and other related technologies can be traced and monitored and, should it be required, must be made available to my line manager, Headteacher and others as required.

I will not give out my personal contact and online account information such as phone numbers, email address, and social media account details to pupils and/or parents/carers.

I will not initiate any communication with pupils using mobile phone technology within 5 years of leaving the school unless there is a parental link.

When using video calls to communicate with children, parents or visitors I will ensure my background is appropriate and that the camera is positioned to only show a headshot.

### **Social networking**

I understand the need to separate my professional role from my private friendships; in my professional capacity I will not become 'friends' with parents/carers or pupils on social networks. Where my school role is my only connection to an individual, private online contact is unacceptable with parents/carers or pupils.

When using social networking for personal use I will ensure my settings are not public. My private account postings will never undermine or disparage the school, its staff, governors, parents/carers or pupils. Privileged information must remain confidential.

I will not upload any material about or references to the school or its community on my personal social networks.

### **Passwords**

I understand that there is no occasion when a password should be shared with a pupil or anyone who is not a staff member. All visitors to the school must use the visitor account supplied by the school business manager.

### **Data protection**

I will follow requirements for data protection as outlined in Data Protection Policy and Data Breach Response Plan. These include:

- Photographs must be kept securely and used appropriately, whether in school, taken off the school premises or accessed remotely
- Personal data can only be taken out of school or accessed remotely when authorised by the Head Teacher or governing body
- Personal or sensitive data taken off site must be encrypted
- I will respect copyright and intellectual property rights.

### **Images and videos**

I will only upload images or videos of staff, pupils or parents/carers onto school approved sites where specific permission has been granted.

I will not take images, sound recordings or videos of school events or activities on any personal device.

### **Use of email**

I will use my school email address or governor hub for all school business. All such correspondence must be kept professional and is open to Subject Access Requests under the Freedom of Information Act. I will not use my school email addresses or governor hub for personal matters or non-school business.

### **Use of personal devices**

I understand that as a member of staff I should at no time put myself in a position where a safeguarding allegation can be made against me as a result of my use of personal devices. I understand that the use of personal devices in school is at the discretion of the Headteacher.

I will only use approved personal devices in designated areas and never in front of pupils.

When downloading files onto a personal device, I will ensure all downloads are removed from the device and stored on the Cloud.

### **Additional hardware/software**

I will not install any hardware or software on school equipment without permission of Headteacher.

### **Promoting online safety**

I understand that online safety is the responsibility of all staff and governors and I will promote positive online safety messages at all times including when setting homework or providing pastoral support.

I understand that it is my duty to support a whole school safeguarding approach and will report any inappropriate or concerning behaviour (of other staff, governors, visitors, pupils or parents/carers) to the DSL or deputy DSL.

### **Classroom management of internet access**

I will pre-check for appropriateness all internet sites used in the classroom this will include the acceptability of other material visible, however briefly, on the site. I will not free-surf the internet in front of pupils. I will also check the appropriacy of any suggested sites suggested for home learning.

If I am using the internet to teach about controversial issues I will secure, on every occasion, approval in advance for the material I plan to use with Headteacher.

**Video conferencing**

I will only use the conferencing tools that have been identified and risk assessed by the school leadership, DPO and DSL. A school-owned device should be used when running video-conferences, where possible.

**User signature**

I agree to follow this Acceptable Use Agreement and to support online safety throughout the school. I understand this forms part of the terms and conditions set out in my contract of employment (staff members only) and/or my responsibilities as a governor.

Signature ..... Date .....

Full Name ..... (printed)

Job title .....

## **Appendix B - Online Safety Acceptable Use Agreement - Peripatetic teachers/coaches, supply teachers**

**School name** Almond Hill Junior School

**Online safety lead** Mrs R Lyons

**Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)** Headteacher

This agreement forms part of your professional and safeguarding responsibility in the school. You must read and sign this agreement. This will be kept on record and you should retain your own copy for reference.

Internet, mobile and digital technologies are part of our daily working life and this agreement is designed to ensure that all staff and governors are aware of their responsibilities in relation to their use. You are expected to adhere to this agreement. Any concerns or clarification should be discussed with Headteacher. Breaches will be investigated, recorded and, where appropriate, disciplinary procedures will apply and police involvement will be sought.

The school's online safety policy will provide further detailed information as required.

### **Internet Access**

I will not access or attempt to access any sites that contain any of the following: child abuse; pornography; discrimination of any kind; promotion of prejudice against any group; promotion of illegal acts; any other information which may be illegal or offensive. Inadvertent access on school equipment must be treated as an online safety incident, reported to the online safety lead and/or DSL and an incident report completed.

### **Online conduct**

I will ensure that my online activity, both in and outside school, will not bring the school, my professional reputation, or that of others, into disrepute.

I will not browse, download, upload or distribute any material that could be considered offensive, illegal or discriminatory. Exceptionally, use of controversial material as part of the curriculum should be planned and approved on every occasion (see policy).

I will report any accidental access to or receipt of inappropriate materials or filtering breach to Headteacher/School Business Manager

I understand that all my use of the internet and other related technologies can be traced and monitored and, should it be required, must be made available to my line manager, Headteacher and others as required.

I will not give out my personal contact and online account information such as phone numbers, email address, and social media account details to pupils and/or parents/carers.

I will not share my professional details, such as mobile phone number or email address, with parent/carers.

### **Social networking**

I understand the need to separate my professional role from my private friendships; in my professional capacity I will not become 'friends' with parents/carers or pupils on social networks. Where my school role is my only connection to an individual, private online contact is unacceptable with parents/carers or pupils.

My private account postings will never undermine or disparage the school, its staff, governors, parents/carers or pupils. Privileged information known as a result of my work in the school must remain confidential.

I will not upload any material about or references to the school or its community on my personal social networks.

### **Passwords**

I must clarify what access I may have to the internet and/or school systems. If I have access of any kind, I understand that there is no occasion when a password should be shared with a pupil or anyone who is not a staff member.

Visitors must log in using the visitor password via the School Business Manager.

### **Data protection**

I will follow all requirements for data protection explained to me by the school. These include:

- I must consult with the school before making any recordings, photographs and videos. Once agreed, these must be made on a school device.
- I understand that there are strict controls and requirements regarding the collection and use of personal data. I will follow all requirements regarding GDPR.

### **Images and videos**

I will only upload images or videos of staff, pupils or parents/carers onto school approved sites where specific permission has been granted.

I will not take images, sound recordings or videos of tuition or wider school activities on any personal device. School devices can be used for this purpose.

Internet, mobile and digital technologies provide helpful recording functions but these cannot be made on a teacher's personal device. Recordings can be made with the child's and parent/carer's agreement on a school device, an organisational device approved by the headteacher/DSP, or a young person's or parent/carer's own device.

### **Use of Email**

I will only use my professional email address for all school business. All such correspondence should be kept professional and is open to Subject Access Requests under the Freedom of Information Act. I will not use my professional email addresses for personal matters.

### **Use of personal devices**

I understand that when working in the school I should at no time put myself in a position where a safeguarding allegation can be made against me as a result of my use of personal devices. I understand that the use of personal devices in school is at the discretion of the Headteacher.

I will only use approved personal devices in designated areas and never in front of pupils. This therefore precludes use of specialist apps on personal devices.

### **Additional hardware/software**

I will not install any hardware or software on school equipment without permission of Headteacher.

### **Promoting online safety**

I understand that online safety is part of my responsibility and I will promote positive online safety messages at all times, including when setting homework, rehearsal or skill practice or when providing pastoral support.

I understand that it is my duty to support a whole school safeguarding approach and will report any behaviour (of staff, governors, visitors, pupils or parents/carers) which I believe may be inappropriate or concerning in any way to the DSL or Deputy DSL.

### **Classroom management of internet access**

I will pre-check for appropriateness all internet sites used in the classroom this will include the acceptability of other material visible, however briefly, on the site. I will not free-surf the internet in front of pupils.

If I am using the internet to teach about controversial issues I will secure, on every occasion, approval in advance for the material I plan to use with Headteacher.

**User Signature**

I agree to follow this Acceptable Use Agreement and to support online safety in my work in the school. I understand this forms part of my company/educational setting/organisation’s contract with the school.

Signature ..... Date .....

Full Name ..... (Please use block capitals)

Job Title/Role .....

**Appendix C - Requirements for visitors, volunteers and parent/carer helpers**  
**(Working directly with children or otherwise)**

**School name Almond Hill Junior**

**Online safety lead Mrs R Lyons**

**DSL: Head teacher**

This document is designed to ensure that you are aware of your responsibilities when using any form of IT in the school and other aspects of safeguarding in connection with online safety.

Please raise **any** safeguarding concerns arising from your visit immediately with the headteacher and/or DSL

- I understand I may only use my personal mobile phone(s) and other devices with camera functions in designated areas. When not in a designated area, phones must be switched off and out of sight. Any exception must be pre-arranged.
- I will not take images, sound recording or videos of school events or activities, on or off site, on any device. Any possible exception must be pre-arranged.
- I will not give out my personal details such as mobile phone number, email address, and social media account details to pupils. Where appropriate I may share my professional contact details with parents/carers provided the DSL or headteacher is informed before I leave the school.
- I understand my visit to the school may give me access to privileged information about pupils, staff, school systems and plans. Such information should never be shared on line, including on social media sites.
- I understand I should not use school equipment to access the internet without prior approval from my contact in the school or the headteacher.
- If working in the classroom, I will pre-check for appropriateness all internet sites I intend to use including checking the acceptability of other material visible on the site. I will not free-surf the internet in front of pupils. If I am in any doubt about the appropriateness of the content I plan to use I will check with my contact in the school.

## Appendix D - Online Safety Acceptable Use Agreement Primary Pupils

### My online safety rules

- I will only use school IT equipment for activities agreed by school staff.
- I will not use my personal email address or other personal accounts in school
- I will not sign up for any online service on school devices unless this is an agreed part of a school project approved by my teacher and agreed by my parent/carer.
- I will only open email attachments if it has been approved by a member of school staff in school or a parent/carer out of school.
- In school I will only open or delete my files when told by a member of staff.
- I will not tell anyone other than my parents/carers my passwords. I will not use other people's usernames or passwords to pretend to be them online.
- I will make sure that all online contact I make is responsible, polite and sensible. I will be kind and respectful at all times.
- If I come across anything upsetting, unpleasant or nasty, or anything that makes me feel unsafe, I will tell my teacher or my parent/carer immediately.
- If someone says, asks or posts about me anything upsetting, unpleasant or nasty, or anything that makes me feel unsafe, I will not reply. I will tell my teacher or my parent/carer immediately.
- I will not give out my own or other people's personal information, including: name, phone number, home address, interests, schools or clubs. I will tell my teacher or parent/carer if anyone asks me online for personal information.
- Uploading or sending my image (photographs, videos, live streaming) online puts me at risk. I will always seek permission from my teacher or parent/carer if I wish to do this. I will not take, share or upload any image of anyone else without their permission and also, if they are a child, without their parent's/carer's permission.
- Even if I have permission, I will not upload any images, videos, sounds or words that **could** upset, now or in the future, any member of the school community, as this is cyberbullying.
- I understand that some people on the internet are not who they say they are and some people are not safe to be in contact with. I will not arrange to meet someone I only know on the internet. If someone asks to meet me, I will not reply to them and I will tell a teacher or a parent/carer immediately.
- I understand that everything I do or receive online can be traced now and in the future. I know it is important to build a good online reputation.
- I understand that some personal devices are allowed in school and some are not, and I will follow the rules. I will not assume that new devices can be brought into school without getting permission.
- I will not lie about my age in order to access games, apps or social networks that are for older people as this will put me at risk.
- I understand that these rules are designed to keep me safe now and in the future. If I break the rules my teachers will look into it and may need to take action.

## Appendix E - Online safety policy guide - Summary of key parent/carers responsibilities

The school provides online safety information for parents/carers, through the website, in newsletters and at events. It is important that parents/carers understand their key role in supporting children to behave appropriately and keep themselves safe online.

The online safety policy, supported by its acceptable use agreements, is intended to protect the interests and safety of the whole school community.

- Parents/carers are required to support their child in understanding of this policy and agreements
- Parents/carers may only use personal mobile phones and devices in designated areas of the school unless otherwise informed, e.g. for specific events and activities. Under no circumstance should images be taken at any time on school premises that include anyone other than their own child, unless there is a pre-specified agreement with individuals and parents/carers. When a parent/carers is on school premises but not in a designated area, we prefer phone/s to be switched off and out of sight.
- Parents/carers should not assume that pupils can bring technological devices to school and should always check the school policy.
- All cyberbullying incidents affecting children in the school should be reported immediately. (If the incident involves an indecent image of a child the report must also be made immediately to the police for your own protection.) The school will investigate and respond to all reported cyberbullying incidents, liaising with others where appropriate. No reply should ever be sent to the sender/poster of cyberbullying content. If applicable block the sender and report abuse to the site. Evidence should be retained and shown in school and/or to the police. Evidence should not be forwarded.
- The school may choose to set up social media sites, blogs or have some other online presence in its own name. Parents/carers, however, do not have the right to set up any site, page, chat group or any other online presence that uses the school name or logo in any form.
- Any parent/carers, distressed or concerned about an aspect of school should make immediate contact with a member of staff rather than posting their concerns online. Parents/carers should not share school related information or images online or post material that may bring the school or any individual within it into disrepute. Negative postings about the school would impact on the reputation of the whole school community. Parents/carers are encouraged to report breaches so that we can protect the reputation of the school, staff, pupils and parents/carers.

## Appendix F - Guidance on the process for responding to cyberbullying incidents

All cyberbullying incidents should be reported and responded to. Where the perpetrator is a member of the school community the majority of cases can be dealt with through mediation and/or disciplinary processes.

The following procedures are recommended:

- Never reply to the sender/poster of cyberbullying content. If applicable, block the sender.
- Incidents should be reported immediately. Pupils should report to a member of staff (e.g. class teacher, headteacher) and staff members should seek support from their line manager or a senior member of staff.
- The person reporting the cyberbullying should save the evidence and record the time and date. This evidence must not be forwarded but must be available to show at a meeting. Under no circumstances should indecent images of children and young people be printed or forwarded as this is a further criminal act. Staff should not ask to see the evidence of reported indecent images of children or young people but must refer this immediately to the police. Any member of staff being shown such evidence should immediately inform their line manager or the headteacher so that the circumstances can be recorded.
- A senior member of staff will meet with the person who has reported the incident and the target, if different, to listen, reassure and support. All relevant facts will be reviewed and documented.
- A senior member of staff will conduct an investigation.
- Anyone found to have cyberbullied will have attention drawn to the seriousness of their behaviour and if necessary the police will be involved. If the comments are threatening, abusive, sexist, of a sexual nature, constitute a hate crime or are libellous they may well break the law. Online harassment and stalking is also a crime.
- Once evidence has been secured then the person who has cyberbullied will be requested to remove the offending comments/material. Any refusal will lead to an escalation of sanctions.

## Appendix G - Guidance for staff on preventing and responding to negative comments on social media

The school should regularly reinforce with all parties that discussion of school issues on social media platforms, either positive or negative, should not take place as this could bring the school into disrepute and affect families and children. Parents should be encouraged to be good online role models and not post statements written in anger or frustration. Identified routes to raise concerns directly with the school should be used.

If negative comments are posted:

- Collect the facts

As soon as you become aware of adverse comments relating to the school you need to establish what is being said. It is essential that if you have access to the postings they are secured and retained together with any other evidence. Do not become engaged in responding directly.

If the allegations against a member of staff or a pupil are of a serious nature, these will need to be formally investigated. This may involve the police and the headteacher will need to follow the school's safeguarding procedures.

If there is a risk of serious damage to the school reputation or the reputation of individual members of staff, professional legal advice should be sought.

Adverse comments of any kind are highly demotivating and cause stress and anxiety. It is important that the senior staff reassure and support all staff and/or other affected members of the school community.

- Addressing negative comments and complaints

Contact the complainants and invite them to a meeting. In the meeting, make sure you have any evidence available.

The meeting must:

- Draw attention to the seriousness and impact of the actions/postings;
- Ask for the offending remarks to be removed;
- Explore the complainant's grievance;
- Agree next steps;
- Clarify the correct complaints procedures.

If the meeting does not resolve the issue, the parents must be informed that the school will need to take the matter further. This may include:

- Reporting the matter to the social network site if it breaches their rules or breaks the law;
- Reporting the matter to the police if it breaks the law, e.g. if the comments are threatening, abusive, malicious, sexist, of a sexual nature, constitute a hate crime or are libellous they may well break the law. Online harassment and stalking is also a crime.

If inappropriate postings continue or the original material is not removed, a second meeting is advisable to re-iterate the seriousness of the matter.

## **Appendix H Remote Learning (In the event of need)**

Dear Parent/Carer,

The internet, email, mobile technologies and online resources have become an important part of learning and life. We want all children to be safe and responsible when using any IT. It is essential that children are aware of online risk, know how to stay safe and know where to go to report problems or to get help.

Please read through these online safety rules with your child/ren and talk with them to ensure they understand their importance and what it means for them (and for you).

### **The school will:**

- Provide a continuous connection with your child via Microsoft 'Teams' to offer them routine and support
- Continue to nurture your child through contact to ensure they are happy, safe and well during these unsettling times
- Provide remote learning tasks with explanation and instruction
- Respond to any concerns you may have in a timely manner within school hours.
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### **As a pupil of Almond Hill I will**

- Engage in my daily learning tasks and respond to my teacher appropriately through Teams or in phone call conversation so they know I am happy, safe and I am engaging in my learning.
- I understand my behaviour in remote learning responses should mirror that in the physical classroom

Possible sanction for failing to comply with this agreement will be removal of access to Microsoft Teams for your child/children

### **As a parent/carer I will**

- Encourage your child to engage with their daily learning tasks.
- Ensure any queries you have are directed to the class teacher via the year group email within school hours
- Offer understanding and support to teachers who may encounter technical difficulties
- Not use social media to make negative commentary of the school

I/we also agree not to share school related information or images online or post material that may bring the school or any individual within it into disrepute.

(Rather than posting negative material online, any parent, distressed or concerned about an aspect of school should make immediate contact with a member of staff. Negative postings about the school would impact on the reputation of the whole school community. Parents are encouraged to report breaches so that we can protect the reputation of the school, staff, pupils and parents).

I/we also agree only to use personal mobile phones and devices in designated areas of the school unless otherwise informed, e.g. for specific events and activities. I/we understand that under no circumstance should images be taken at any time on school premises of anyone other than our own child/ren, unless there is a pre-specified agreement. I/we understand that when on school premises, but not in a designated area where phones can be used, they must be switched off and out of sight.

**A signature is not required for this document, the terms herein are confirmed by all parties upon receipt.**

## **Remote Learning**

### **Aims:**

- Pupils have equal access to devices to enable to them fully participate in the activities involved in remote learning.
- Pupils can evaluate and apply information technology, including new or unfamiliar technologies, analytically to solve problems.
- Pupils are responsible, competent, confident and creative users of information and communication technology.
- Pupils can continue their education remotely, using Microsoft Teams as a teaching and learning platform.

## **CURRICULUM ORGANISATION**

Throughout KS2, computing is embedded across the curriculum. A range of digital technologies and software are used to support subjects across all areas of the curriculum. Microsoft Teams is used as a platform for children learning remotely either during a period of time when school is not open to all pupils or for home learning. Remote teaching involves each class receiving weekly home learning assignments and to give instructions for the work that day and explaining anything that is required, allowing children to respond and 'hand in' responses to class teachers.

Remote learning assignments will be posted and responded to by class teachers.

## **TEACHING AND LEARNING STRATEGIES**

The use of technology throughout the curriculum enables children to develop skills that are vital for success in later life, such as:

- collaboration
- communication
- problem-solving
- resilience
- perseverance
- team-work

In studying computing, pupils experience a variety of approaches to their learning including:

- Teacher demonstrations
- Individual and shared use of digital devices
- Collaborative work
- Open-ended investigation

In remote learning, staff are able to set assignments for children that they can respond to. Teachers can comment on their responses.

When teaching remotely, teachers will:

- Provide frequent, clear explanations of new content, delivered by a teacher in the school or PowerPoints with voice over.

## **RECORD KEEPING AND ASSESSMENT**

Assessment is a central part of the learning process. Assessment can be carried out by:

- reviewing 'handed in' returned outcomes
- speaking to pupils in Teams meetings
- speaking to pupils on the phone

## **STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

It is important to provide training for all staff to enable them to deliver the computing curriculum to their pupils. School based INSET training needs to be given to enable teachers to familiarise themselves with software and technology relevant to the school. All staff will be given training via the Computing Lead and Teams Staff Champions.

Before working remotely, staff underwent training on how this would work in practice and how to safeguard themselves while working from home.

## **INTERNET AND E-MAIL**

Staff should refer to the Code of Conduct and remind pupils of the Code of Conduct at the beginning of any lesson using these resources. This should be included as a lesson objective.

## **PREVENT AGENDA**

The Prevent duty guidance says 'having due regard' requires schools and colleges to:

- (a) have "robust safeguarding policies in place to identify children at risk and intervening as appropriate;"
- (b) provide staff with training "that gives them the knowledge and confidence to identify children at risk of being drawn into terrorism and to challenge extremist ideas"; and
- (c) (c) "ensure children are safe from terrorist and extremist material when accessing the internet in school, including by establishing appropriate levels of filtering".

- Prevent Duty Guidance - July 2015 (England and Wales) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>

[Staff should be mindful to this duty when monitoring pupil engagement in all areas of computing including remote learning.](#)

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Children will be reminded of good practice for use of technology for remote learning e.g. screen time and taking regular breaks.

## **CHILD PROTECTION**

All staff should be aware of the school policy on Online Safety, whether working in school or remotely, which sets out our expectations relating to:

- Creating a safer online environment
- Giving everyone the skills, knowledge and understanding to help children and young people stay safe online, question the information they are accessing and support the development of critical thinking
- Inspiring safe and responsible use and behaviour
- What steps to take if you have concerns and where to go for help

All children and staff will have access to Microsoft Teams as part of their remote learning. When video calling through Teams, children and staff should have a neutral background. Staff should ensure that their camera is positioned in a way that only a headshot of them can be seen. Where possible, children should have an adult at home who is aware that they are using Teams and are monitoring that they are using it appropriately.

It may be necessary for staff to record meetings with parents to ensure clarity of conversation from the safeguarding perspective of both staff and children. Parents/carers will be informed in a meeting is being recorded and agree to this verbally.

When uploading work, children, parents and staff should ensure that the content is appropriate to share within the school network.

## **COPYRIGHT**

Unauthorised copying of software is illegal. Breach of copyright is theft. The prevention of unauthorised copying is the responsibility of the teacher, the Headteacher and the Governors.



## ALMOND HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL REMOTE TEACHING GUIDANCE

In the event of your child not being able to attend school we will implement remote teaching via Microsoft Teams.

### What can you expect to see as part of your child's remote education?

- All children will have been taught how to log on to their Teams account and will have been using this for home learning.

### In the event of self-isolation (the rest of the year group are in school).

- Each week (from the second day of absence), children will be assigned tasks for English, Maths and Foundation subjects.
- There will be a PowerPoint to provide explanations and instructions for the tasks .
- Tasks will be set that continue to follow the curriculum of the year group and will cover a broad range of subjects.
- During the period of the isolation, pupils should return work to the teacher as they do with their home learning, via 'Teams' and if that is not possible, complete work on paper and return this to school when coming back.
- During the period of self-isolation, parents can expect that teachers will contact children if the self-isolation is a week (5 days or longer). The teacher will send a parent an e mail to set up a 'Teams' meeting or will make a phone call home.

### In the event of 'bubble' closure or whole school lockdown.

- Children will take home an exercise book in order to record their work if needed/possible.
- Each day children will be assigned tasks for English, Maths and Foundation subjects including PE.
- There will be a PowerPoint with teacher voice over to provide explanations and instructions for the tasks.
- Tasks will be set that continue to follow the curriculum of the year group and will cover a broad range of subjects. The time allocated will be of equivalent length to the core teaching in school. The school will signpost extension and additional activities for pupils to access. Tasks will be differentiated and children with SEND who have Individual Education Plans, will have specific tasks and access to the SENCO for support via the SENCO e mail, phone call or 'Teams' meeting.
- During the period of the shutdown, teachers will expect children to '*hand in*' completed assignments using 'Teams'. Where this is not possible, children will have recorded their learning task in their exercise book.
- For those pupils who do not have access to technology, the school will provide work packs to be collected. If any parent has difficulty in collecting a pack they should contact the school office to make alternative arrangements.
- Teachers will respond to '*handed in*' tasks; they will type a response. It will be possible to contact teachers via the year group e mail.
- During a week of shutdown, there will be 2 assemblies for children to view.
- It is expected that in returning assignments children will follow the school's Code of Conduct for remote learning . Any general comments that a pupil types in can be viewed by teacher and other pupil and these will be monitored by class teacher. Children will be aware of the Code of Conduct for Remote Learning and parents will be contacted immediately if their child does not adhere to our expectations.
- As with any use of technology, parents should monitor their child's use and there should be a balance of on screen and off screen time in the day.

## **Safeguarding and remote education during coronavirus (COVID-19)**

### **Useful resources**

Below are resources (please note not an exhaustive list) to help schools manage and risk assess any remote teaching and working.

#### **Government guidance on safeguarding and remote education**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/safeguarding-and-remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

#### **The Key for School Leaders- Remote learning: safeguarding pupils and staff**

<https://schoolleaders.thekeysupport.com/covid-19/safeguard-and-support-pupils/safeguarding-while-teaching/remote-teaching-safeguarding-pupils-and-staff/?marker=content-body>

#### **NSPCC Undertaking remote teaching safely**

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/2020/march/undertaking-remote-teaching-safely>

#### **LGfL Twenty safeguarding considerations for lesson livestreaming**

<https://static.lgfl.net/LgflNet/downloads/digisafe/Safe-Lessons-by-Video-and-Livestream.pdf>

#### **swgfl Remote working a guide for professionals**

<https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/educational-professionals-remote-working.pdf>

#### **National Cyber Security Centre Video conferencing. Using services securely**

[https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/files/vtc\\_infographic.pdf](https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/files/vtc_infographic.pdf)

Online safety incidents are reported in CPOMS and followed up by DSLs.