



Online Safety : Policy for Parents & Carers

Regroup Education

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Introduction

At Regroup Education we think that everyone should feel safe and secure. The use of ICT (Information and Communication Technologies) and the internet are now everyday activities and as a community we need to be able to use them safely and responsibly. The aim of this policy is to set out how we believe we can work together to protect our young people when they are using ICT/the internet. Further information on Regroup's Online-Safety precautions is contained in the Online Safety policy which can be accessed via the website at www.regroupeducation.org

The internet is amazing and has an enormous amount to offer our community. The digital world is fast moving and ever changing. New apps are constantly being created and with changing trends and social media exposure we all need to know about the risks relating to online use and how we can keep ourselves safe online.

Whether the activity is gaming, live streaming, instant messaging or using Apps the common risks apply:

- Exposure to inappropriate content
- Sharing too much personal information
- Connecting with harmful people
- Spending unhealthy amounts of time online.

The Role of the Regroup Education

The internet is used to raise educational standards and promote achievement. We use the technologies available to us to develop and equip our students with the necessary ICT skills required for them to progress in their educational careers and beyond. We do this by:

Exploring online platforms, including social media and apps

Dedicated PSHE lessons

Whole community approach to online safety

To keep our students safe we:

- Provide online safety education (including safety for activities both in and outside of the Academy)
- Require Students to sign and comply with an Acceptable Use Agreement
- Require Parents/Carers to sign and comply with the Acceptable Use Agreement
- Take all reasonable precautions through security and filtering systems (similar to parental controls that you can set at home)
- Monitor student use
- Take disciplinary action where there is a breach of the Acceptable Use Agreement.
(This may include loss of access to the school network/internet, detentions, suspensions, contact with parents and in the event of illegal activities involvement of the police).

The Role of the Parent/carers

To support and promote Online Safety both in and outside of our education setting

As a partner in our Community support the Academy through the signing of the Acceptable Use Agreement, which includes a declaration that you will encourage safe use of the internet and digital technologies at home for example by :

Monitoring and filtering use: Privacy settings
Age Appropriate/PEGI (age) rating
Chat functions
How much online time
Interactive online communities
What is shared - consequences of sharing messages & images

Useful Websites

NSPCC:



Saferinternet.org:



Cybersmile.org.uk



Internetmatters.org



CEOP.police

CEOP.police.uk



Thinkuknow.co.uk



REGROUP EDUCATION SAFEGUARDING TEAM

REPORTING CONCERNS

Need to Talk?

If you need to talk – we will listen.



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