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Online Safety Policy



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1. Aims

Our school aims to:

- Have robust processes in place to ensure the online safety of pupils, staff, volunteers and Governors
- Identify and support groups of pupils that are potentially at greater risk of harm online than others
- Deliver an effective approach to online safety, which empowers us to protect and educate the whole school community in its use of technology, including mobile and smart technology (which we refer to as 'mobile phones')
- Establish clear mechanisms to identify, intervene and escalate an incident, where appropriate

The 4 key categories of risk

Our approach to online safety is based on addressing the following categories of risk:

- **Content** – being exposed to illegal, inappropriate or harmful content, such as pornography, fake news, racism, misogyny, self-harm, suicide, antisemitism, radicalisation and extremism
- **Contact** – being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users, such as peer-to-peer pressure, commercial advertising and adults posing as children or young adults with the intention to groom or exploit them for sexual, criminal, financial or other purposes
- **Conduct** – personal online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes, harm, such as making, sending and receiving explicit images (e.g. consensual and non-consensual sharing of nudes and semi-nudes and/or pornography), sharing other explicit images and online bullying; and
- **Commerce** – risks such as online gambling, inappropriate advertising, phishing and/or financial scams

2. Legislation and guidance

This policy is based on the Department for Education's (DfE's) statutory safeguarding guidance, Keeping Children Safe in Education, and its advice for schools on:

- Teaching online safety in schools
- Preventing and tackling bullying and cyber-bullying: advice for headteachers and school staff
- Relationships and sex education
- Searching, screening and confiscation

It also refers to the DfE's guidance on protecting children from radicalisation.

It reflects existing legislation, including but not limited to the Education Act 1996 (as amended), the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and the Equality Act 2010. In addition, it reflects the Education Act 2011, which has given teachers stronger powers to tackle cyber-bullying by, if necessary, searching for and deleting inappropriate images or files on pupils' electronic devices where they believe there is a 'good reason' to do so.

3. Roles and responsibilities

3.1 The governing board

The governing board has overall responsibility for monitoring this policy and holding the headteacher to account for its implementation. The governing board will make sure all staff undergo online safety training as part of child protection and safeguarding training, and ensure staff understand their expectations, roles and responsibilities around filtering and monitoring.

The governing board will also make sure all staff receive regular online safety updates (via email, ebulletins and staff meetings), as required and at least annually, to ensure they are continually provided with the relevant skills and knowledge to effectively safeguard children.

The governing board will co-ordinate regular meetings with appropriate staff to discuss online safety, requirements for training, and monitor online safety logs as provided by the designated safeguarding lead (DSL). The governing board should ensure children are taught how to keep themselves and others safe, including keeping safe online. The governing board must ensure the school has appropriate filtering and monitoring systems in place on school devices and school networks and will regularly review their effectiveness. The board will review the DfE filtering and monitoring standards, and discuss with IT staff and service providers what needs to be done to support the school in meeting those standards, which include:

- Identifying and assigning roles and responsibilities to manage filtering and monitoring systems.
- Reviewing filtering and monitoring provisions at least annually.
- Blocking harmful and inappropriate content without unreasonably impacting teaching and learning.
- Having effective monitoring strategies in place that meet their safeguarding needs.

The governor who oversees online safety is Karen Ingham, the Safeguarding link Governor

All governors will:

- Ensure they have read and understand this policy
- Agree and adhere to the terms on acceptable use of the school's ICT systems and the internet (appendix 3)
- Ensure that online safety is a running and interrelated theme while devising and implementing their whole-school or college approach to safeguarding and related policies and/or procedures
- Ensure that, where necessary, teaching about safeguarding, including online safety, is adapted for vulnerable children, victims of abuse and some pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). This is because of the importance of recognising that a 'one size fits all' approach may not be appropriate for all children in all situations, and a more personalised or contextualised approach may often be more suitable

3.2 The Headteacher

The headteacher is responsible for ensuring that staff understand this policy, and that it is being implemented consistently throughout the school.

3.3 The Designated Safeguarding Lead

Details of the school's designated safeguarding lead (DSL) and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs) are set out in our safeguarding policy, as well as relevant job descriptions.

The DSL takes lead responsibility for online safety in school, in particular:

- Supporting the headteacher in ensuring that staff understand this policy and that it is being implemented consistently throughout the school
- Working with the headteacher and governing board to review this policy annually and ensure the procedures and implementation are updated and reviewed regularly
- Taking the lead on understanding the filtering and monitoring systems and processes in place on school devices and school networks
- Working with IT company to make sure the appropriate systems and processes are in place

- Working with the headteacher, and other staff, as necessary, to address any online safety issues or incidents
- Managing all online safety issues and incidents in line with the school's child protection policy
- Ensuring that any online safety incidents are logged and dealt with appropriately in line with this policy
- Ensuring that any incidents of cyber-bullying are logged and dealt with appropriately in line with the school behaviour policy
- Updating and delivering staff training on online safety
- Liaising with other agencies and/or external services if necessary
- Providing regular reports on online safety in school to the headteacher and/or governing board
- Undertaking annual risk assessments that consider and reflect the risks children face
- Providing regular safeguarding and child protection updates, including online safety, to all staff, at least annually, in order to continue to provide them with relevant skills and knowledge to safeguard effectively

This list is not intended to be exhaustive.

3.4 IT Contractor

The ICT contractor is responsible for:

- Ensuring that the school's ICT systems are secure and protected against viruses and malware, and that such safety mechanisms are updated regularly
- Blocking access to potentially dangerous sites and, where possible, preventing the downloading of potentially dangerous files

3.5 All staff and volunteers

All staff, including contractors and agency staff, and volunteers are responsible for:

- Maintaining an understanding of this policy
 - Implementing this policy consistently
 - Agreeing and adhering to the terms on acceptable use of the school's ICT systems and the internet, and ensuring that pupils follow the school's terms on acceptable use (appendices 1 and 2)
 - Knowing that the DSL is responsible for the filtering and monitoring systems and processes, and being aware of how to report any incidents of those systems or processes failing by speaking with the DSL, and logging on CPOMS, as per our safeguarding concerns protocol
 - Following the correct procedures by speaking to the DSL and the Headteacher and DSL if they need to bypass the filtering and monitoring systems for educational purposes
 - Working with the DSL to ensure that any online safety incidents are logged and dealt with appropriately in line with this policy
 - Ensuring that any incidents of cyber-bullying are dealt with appropriately in line with the school behaviour policy
 - Responding appropriately to all reports and concerns about sexual violence and/or harassment, both online and offline, and maintaining an attitude of 'it could happen here'
- This list is not intended to be exhaustive.

- Reporting to the DSL if there are any concerns regarding content that students or staff can or have accessed or if the systems in place are over-blocking and impacting the quality of teaching and learning.

3.6 Parents/carers

Parents/carers are expected to:

- Notify a member of staff or the headteacher of any concerns or queries regarding this policy
- Ensure their child has read, understood and agreed to the terms on acceptable use of the school's ICT systems and internet (appendices 1 and 2)

Parents/carers can seek further guidance on keeping children safe online from the following organisations and websites:

- What are the issues? – [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- Hot topics – [Child net International](#)
- Parent resource sheet – [Child net International](#)
- [National College Online Safety](#)

3.7 Visitors and members of the community

Visitors and members of the community who use the school's ICT systems or internet will be made aware of this policy, when relevant, and expected to read and follow it.

Filtering and Monitoring

Schools and colleges have a statutory responsibility to keep children and young people safe online as well as offline. Governing bodies and proprietors should make sure their school or college has appropriate filtering and monitoring systems in place, as detailed in the statutory guidance KCSIE.

Filtering is preventative. It refers to solutions that protect users from accessing illegal, inappropriate and potentially harmful content online. It does this by identifying and blocking specific web links and web content in the form of text, images, audio and video.

Monitoring is reactive. It refers to solutions that monitor what users are doing on devices and, in some cases, records this activity. Monitoring can be manual, for example, teachers viewing screens as they walk around a classroom. Technical monitoring solutions rely on software applied to a device that views a user's activity. Reports or alerts are generated based on illegal, inappropriate, or potentially harmful activities, including bullying. Monitoring solutions do not block users from seeing or doing anything.

Ash Grove uses technology to support the implementation of monitoring. We use Securly and Smoothwall. These packages provide live alerts to the DSL and DDSL who will respond to any concerns as they arise and will record them on the child's safeguarding file.

Our systems are recognised by the Internet Watch Foundation and should block

illegal child abuse material
unlawful terrorist content
adult content

They will also alert us to concerns regarding weapons, extremism, gambling, proxy avoidance and violence.

4. Educating pupils about online safety

Pupils will be taught about online safety as part of the curriculum:

Through our PSHRE curriculum, in the topic of ‘Staying Safe Online and Offline’ all pupils will receive curriculum on cyber safety, risks of exploitation, consensual activity and finance. **All** schools have to teach Relationships and sex education and health education in secondary schools

In **KS3**, pupils will be taught to:

- Understand a range of ways to use technology safely, respectfully, responsibly and securely, including protecting their online identity and privacy
- Recognise inappropriate content, contact and conduct, and know how to report concerns

Pupils in **KS4** will be taught:

- To understand how changes in technology affect safety, including new ways to protect their online privacy and identity
- How to report a range of concerns

By the **end of secondary school**, pupils will know:

- Their rights, responsibilities and opportunities online, including that the same expectations of behaviour apply in all contexts, including online
- About online risks, including that any material someone provides to another has the potential to be shared online and the difficulty of removing potentially compromising material placed online
- Not to provide material to others that they would not want shared further and not to share personal material which is sent to them
- What to do and where to get support to report material or manage issues online
- The impact of viewing harmful content
- That specifically sexually explicit material (e.g. pornography) presents a distorted picture of sexual behaviours, can damage the way people see themselves in relation to others and negatively affect how they behave towards sexual partners
- That sharing and viewing indecent images of children (including those created by children) is a criminal offence that carries severe penalties including jail
- How information and data is generated, collected, shared and used online
- How to identify harmful behaviours online (including bullying, abuse or harassment) and how to report, or find support, if they have been affected by those behaviours
- How people can actively communicate and recognise consent from others, including sexual consent, and how and when consent can be withdrawn (in all contexts, including online)

The safe use of social media and the internet will also be covered in other subjects where relevant.

Where necessary, teaching about safeguarding, including online safety, will be adapted for vulnerable children, victims of abuse and some pupils with SEND.

5. Educating parents/carers about online safety

The school will raise parents/carers’ awareness of internet safety in letters or other communications home, and in information via our website. This policy will also be shared with parents/carers.

Online safety will also be covered during any parental engagement events.

The school will let parents/carers know:

What systems the school uses to filter and monitor online use

- What their children are being asked to do online, including the sites they will be asked to access and who from the school (if anyone) their child will be interacting with online

If parents/carers have any queries or concerns in relation to online safety, these should be raised in the first instance with the headteacher and/or the DSL.

Concerns or queries about this policy can be raised with any member of staff or the headteacher.

6. Cyber-bullying

6.1 Definition

Cyber-bullying takes place online, such as through social networking sites, messaging apps or gaming sites. Like other forms of bullying, it is the repetitive, intentional harming of 1 person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. (See also the school behaviour policy.)

6.2 Preventing and addressing cyber-bullying.

To help prevent cyber-bullying, we will ensure that pupils understand what it is and what to do if they become aware of it happening to them or others. We will ensure that pupils know how they can report any incidents and are encouraged to do so, including where they are a witness rather than the victim.

The school will actively discuss cyber-bullying with pupils, explaining the reasons why it occurs, the forms it may take and what the consequences can be. Form teachers will also discuss cyber-bullying with their tutor groups.

Teaching staff are also encouraged to find opportunities to use aspects of the curriculum to cover cyber-bullying. This includes personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education, and other subjects where appropriate.

All staff, governors and volunteers (where appropriate) receive training on cyber-bullying, its impact and ways to support pupils, as part of safeguarding training (see section 11 for more detail). The school also sends information/leaflets on cyber-bullying to parents/carers so they are aware of the signs, how to report it and how they can support children who may be affected. In relation to a specific incident of cyber-bullying, the school will follow the processes set out in the school's Behaviour and Relationships policy and the Child-on-Child & Anti-Bullying Policy.

This particular child-on-child abuse can be logged on SIMS, it directs to also log on CPOMS, so the school can take the appropriate action. Where illegal, inappropriate or harmful material has been spread among pupils, the school will use all reasonable endeavors to ensure the incident is contained. The DSL will report the incident and provide the relevant material to the police as soon as is reasonably practicable, if they have reasonable grounds to suspect that possessing that material is illegal. They will also work with external services if it is deemed necessary to do so.

6.3 Examining electronic devices

To mitigate the use of electronic devices in school, mobile phones are not permitted. Where we have seen the most incidents of a safeguarding nature regards mobile phones, we have set out a no mobile phone policy.

The headteacher, and any member of staff authorised to do so by the headteacher as set out in our Search, Screening and Confiscation Policy can carry out a search and confiscate any electronic device that they have reasonable grounds for suspecting:

- Poses a risk to staff or pupils, and/or

- Is identified in the school rules as a banned item for which a search can be carried out, and/or
- Is evidence in relation to an offence

Before a search, if the authorised staff member is satisfied that they have reasonable grounds for suspecting any of the above, they will also:

- Make an assessment of how urgent the search is and consider the risk to other pupils and staff. If the search is not urgent, they will seek advice from the senior leader on site and the DSL or DDSL, or headteacher if needed.
- Explain to the pupil why they are being searched, how the search will happen, and give them the opportunity to ask questions about it
- Seek the pupil's co-operation

Authorised staff members may examine, and in exceptional circumstances erase, any data or files on an electronic device that they have confiscated where they believe there is a 'good reason' to do so.

When deciding whether there is a 'good reason' to examine data or files on an electronic device, the staff member should reasonably suspect that the device has, or could be used to:

- Cause harm, and/or
- Undermine the safe environment of the school or disrupt teaching, and/or
- Commit an offence

If inappropriate material is found on the device, it is up to the DSL / headteacher / other member of the senior leadership team to decide on a suitable response. If there are images, data or files on the device that staff reasonably suspect are likely to put a person at risk, they will first consider the appropriate safeguarding response.

When deciding if there is a good reason to erase data or files from a device, staff members will consider if the material may constitute evidence relating to a suspected offence. In these instances, they will not delete the material, and the device will be handed to the police as soon as reasonably practicable. If the material is not suspected to be evidence in relation to an offence, staff members may delete it if:

- They reasonably suspect that its continued existence is likely to cause harm to any person, and/or
- The pupil and/or the parent/carer refuses to delete the material themselves

If a staff member **suspects** a device **may** contain an indecent image of a child (also known as a nude or semi-nude image), they will:

- Not view the image
- Confiscate the device and report the incident to the DSL (or equivalent) immediately, who will decide what to do next. The DSL will make the decision in line with the DfE's latest guidance on [screening, searching and confiscation](#) and the UK Council for Internet Safety (UKCIS) guidance on [sharing nudes and semi-nudes: advice for education settings working with children and young people](#)
- Any searching of pupils will be carried out in line with:
 - The DfE's latest guidance on [searching, screening and confiscation](#)
 - UKCIS guidance on [sharing nudes and semi-nudes: advice for education settings working with children and young people](#)
- Our Use of Reasonable Force Policy

Any complaints about searching for or deleting inappropriate images or files on pupils' electronic devices will be dealt with through the school complaints procedure.

6.4 Artificial intelligence (AI)

Generative artificial intelligence (AI) tools are now widespread and easy to access. Staff, pupils and parents/carers may be familiar with generative chatbots such as ChatGPT and Google Bard.

Ash Grove School recognises that AI has many uses to help pupils learn but may also have the potential to be used to bully others. For example, in the form of 'deepfakes', where AI is used to create images, audio or video hoaxes that look real.

Ash Grove School will treat any use of AI to bully pupils in line with our Child on Child and Anti-Bullying Policy.

Staff should be aware of the risks of using AI tools whilst they are still being developed and should carry out a risk assessment where new AI tools are being used by Ash Grove.

7. Acceptable use of the internet in school

All pupils, parents/carers, staff, volunteers and governors are expected to sign an agreement regarding the acceptable use of the school's ICT systems and the internet (appendices 1 to 3). Visitors will be expected to read and agree to the school's terms on acceptable use if relevant. Use of the school's internet must be for educational purposes only, or for the purpose of fulfilling the duties of an individual's role.

We will monitor the websites visited by pupils, staff, volunteers, governors and visitors (where relevant) to ensure they comply with the above and restrict access through filtering systems where appropriate.

More information is set out in the acceptable use agreements in appendices 1 to 3.

8. Pupils using mobile devices in school

At Ash Grove, we do not allow pupils to have their mobile phones on during the day.

9. Staff using work devices outside school

All staff members will take appropriate steps to ensure their devices remain secure. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Keeping the device password-protected – strong passwords are at least 8 characters, with a combination of upper and lower-case letters, numbers and special characters (e.g. asterisk or currency symbol)
- Ensuring their hard drive is encrypted – this means if the device is lost or stolen, no one can access the files stored on the hard drive by attaching it to a new device
- Making sure the device locks if left inactive for a period of time
- Not sharing the device among family or friends
- Installing anti-virus and anti-spyware software
- Keeping operating systems up to date by always installing the latest updates

Staff members must not use the device in any way that would violate the school's terms of acceptable use.

Work devices must be used solely for work activities.

If staff have any concerns over the security of their device, they must seek advice from their line manager.

10. How the school will respond to issues of misuse

Where a pupil misuses the school's ICT systems or internet, we will follow the procedures set out in our policies which are relevant to the misuse, notable the Safeguarding Policy, Anti-Bullying Policy or Behaviour and Relationships Policy. The action taken will depend on the individual circumstances, nature and seriousness of the specific incident, and will be proportionate.

Where a staff member misuses the school's ICT systems or the internet or misuses a personal device where the action constitutes misconduct, the matter will be dealt with in accordance with the staff disciplinary procedures. The action taken will depend on the individual circumstances, nature and seriousness of the specific incident.

The school will consider whether incidents that involve illegal activity or content, or otherwise serious incidents, should be reported to the police.

11. Training

All new staff members will receive training, as part of their induction, on safe internet use and online safeguarding issues, including cyber-bullying and the risks of online radicalisation. All staff members will receive refresher training at least once each academic year as part of safeguarding training, as well as relevant updates as required (for example through emails, ebulletins and staff meetings).

By way of this training, all staff will be made aware that:

- Technology is a significant component in many safeguarding and wellbeing issues, and that children are at risk of online abuse
- Children can abuse their peers online through:
- Abusive, harassing and misogynistic messages or Non-consensual sharing of indecent nude and semi-nude images and/or videos, especially around chat groups
- Sharing of abusive images and pornography, to those who don't want to receive such content
- Physical abuse, sexual violence and initiation/hazing type violence can all contain an online element

Training will also help staff:

- Develop better awareness to assist in spotting the signs and symptoms of online abuse
- Develop the ability to ensure pupils can recognise dangers and risks in online activity and can weigh up the risks
- Develop the ability to influence pupils to make the healthiest long-term choices and keep them safe from harm in the short term

The DSL and DDSs will undertake child protection and safeguarding training, which will include online safety, at least every 2 years. They will also update their knowledge and skills on the subject of online safety at regular intervals, and at least annually.

Governors will receive training on safe internet use and online safeguarding issues as part of their safeguarding training. Volunteers will receive appropriate training and updates, if applicable. More information about safeguarding training is set out in our child protection and safeguarding policy.

12. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed every year by the DSL. At every review, the policy will be shared with the governing board. The review (such as the one available [here](#)) will be supported by an annual risk assessment that considers and reflects the risks pupils face online. This is important because technology, and the risks and harms related to it, evolve and change rapidly.

13. Links with other policies

This online safety policy is linked to our:

- Safeguarding policy
- Behaviour and Relationship policy
- Child on Child & Anti – Bullying Policy
- Staff disciplinary procedures
- Data protection policy and privacy notices
- Complaints procedure
- ICT and internet acceptable use policy



Appendix 1: KS3 and KS4 acceptable use agreement (pupils and parents/carers)

Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement

These rules will keep me safe, keep my information private, and help me to be fair to others.

- ✓ I will only use the school's computers and ICT systems including the internet, email, digital video, mobile technologies etc. for schoolwork and homework.
- ✓ I will not attempt to read any personal information on paper or in a computer file unless that information is meant for me.
- ✓ I will only edit or delete my own files and not look at, or change, other people's files without their permission
- ✓ I will keep my logins and passwords secret.
- ✓ I will not attempt to learn logins and passwords that belong to other people
- ✓ I will not bring files into school without permission or upload inappropriate material to my workspace.
- ✓ I am aware that some websites and social networks have age restrictions, and I will respect this.
- ✓ I will not attempt to visit Internet sites that I know the school has banned.
- ✓ I will only e-mail the people I know, or those a responsible adult has approved of.
- ✓ The messages I send, or information I upload, will always be polite and sensible.
- ✓ I will not open an attachment, or download a file, unless I know and trust the person who has sent it.
- ✓ I will maintain my data and personal security: I will not give my home address, phone number, send a photograph or video, or give any other personal information that could be used to identify me, my family or my friends, unless a trusted adult has given permission. I will never arrange to meet someone I have only ever previously met on the Internet, unless my parent/carer has given me permission and I take a responsible adult with me.
- ✓ If I see anything I am unhappy with or I receive a message I do not like, I will not respond to it, but I will show a teacher / responsible adult.
- ✓ I will not use my mobile phone whilst in school unless given permission to do so.

I have read and understand these rules and agree with them.

Signed Pupil:

Signed Parent/Guardian.....

Date.....



Appendix 2: acceptable use agreement (staff, governors, volunteers, and visitors)

Ash Grove

General Data Protection Regulation

Staff Acceptable Use Policy

Introduction

Ash Grove School commits to protecting the privacy and security of the personal information it holds for staff, governors and volunteers. Please note our Privacy Statements.

To complement the data protection duties of the school there are duties shared by all staff, governors and volunteers because, as a professional organisation with responsibility for children's safeguarding, it is essential that all staff take all possible and necessary measures to protect data and information systems from infection, unauthorised access, damage, loss, abuse and theft.

All members of staff have a responsibility to use the school's computer system in a professional, lawful, and ethical manner. To ensure that members of staff are fully aware of their professional responsibilities when using Information Communication Technology and the school systems, they are asked to read and sign this Acceptable Use Policy.

This agreement covers all digital and physical data systems, e.g. the internet, intranet, network resources, learning platform, software, communications tools (online and offline), equipment (access devices) and paper records, whether printed or handwritten and however stored.

1. I understand that data held by the school may only be processed (acquired, processed, stored, deleted or transmitted) on the legal basis that the school has registered with the Information Commissioner's Office.
2. I will ensure that any personal data of pupils, staff or parents/carers is kept in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation 2018. This means that all personal data will be processed fairly and lawfully, only kept for specific purposes, held no longer than necessary and will be kept private and secure with appropriate security measures in place, whether used in the workplace, hosted online or accessed remotely. Any data which is being removed from the school site (such as via email or on memory sticks or CDs) will be encrypted. Any images or videos of pupils will always take into account parental consent. I will ensure that data no longer needed will be effectively deleted or shredded.
3. School owned information systems must be used appropriately. I understand that the Computer Misuse Act 1990 makes the following criminal offences: to gain unauthorised access to computer material; to gain unauthorised access to computer material with intent to commit or facilitate commission of further offences or to modify computer material without authorisation. Such misuse is also covered by the GDPR, and any such misuse must be reported to the ICO, and to the data subjects (people) affected, within 72 hours.
4. I understand that any hardware and software provided by my workplace for staff use can only be used by members of staff and only for educational use. To prevent unauthorised access to systems or personal data, I will not leave any information system unattended without first logging out or locking my device as appropriate. I will not use personal equipment to access school data.

5. I will respect system security, and I will not disclose any password or security information. I will use a 'strong' password. I will adopt school procedures for the safe storage of my passwords and for acquiring new ones.
6. I will not keep professional documents which contain school-related sensitive or personal information (including images, files, videos etc.) on any personal devices (such as laptops, digital cameras, mobile phones). Where possible I will use the school server/iCloud to upload any work documents and files in a password protected environment. I will protect the devices in my care from unapproved access or theft. I will not share any files or folders on the school server/iCloud with any other user. I will be mindful that when working in a public space that others may be able to see my laptop, tablet or mobile phone screen and will use my discretion as to whether information should be hidden from site. I am aware that enabling Bluetooth connectivity on mobile devices can be a security threat and will switch this off when it is not needed for a specific connection.
7. I will not store any personal information on the school computer system that is unrelated to school activities, such as personal photographs, files or financial information.
8. I will respect copyright and intellectual property rights.
9. I have read and understood the school's Data Security Policy and e-Safety Policy which covers the security of data and safe and appropriate access to data.
10. I will report all incidents of concern regarding children's online safety to the Designated Child Safe-guarding Lead on 0161 724 2900 and/or the lead for Prevent as soon as possible. I will report any accidental access, receipt of inappropriate materials, filtering breaches or unsuitable/extreme websites to the e-Safety Coordinator.
11. I will not attempt to bypass or alter any filtering and/or security systems put in place by the school.
12. My communications with pupils, parents/carers and other professionals will only take place via work approved communication channels e.g. via a school provided email address or telephone number. I will ensure that a BCC of any emails to parents/carers are sent to slscomms@bury.gov.uk. Any pre-existing relationships which may compromise this will be discussed with the Senior Leadership team.
13. I will refrain from using any form of social media to discuss any aspect of school life except purely social events that involve colleagues. I will follow any guidance issued when contributing to the use of social media by the school as an official communication channel.
14. My use of ICT and information systems and my written communication will always be compatible with my professional role whether using school or personal systems. This includes the use of email, text, social media, social networking, gaming, web publications and any other devices or websites or postal addresses. My use of ICT and other forms of communication will not interfere with my work duties and will be in accordance with the school AUP and the Law.
15. I will not create, transmit, display, write, publish or forward any material that is likely to harass, cause offence, inconvenience or needless anxiety to any other person, or anything which could bring my professional role or the school into disrepute.
16. I will promote e-Safety (including privacy) with the pupils in my care and will help them to develop a responsible attitude to safety online, system use and to the content they access or

create. Similarly, I will promote care for others in the pupils' writing and any other content that they create.

17. I understand that my use of the information systems, Internet and email may be monitored and recorded to ensure policy compliance.
18. The school may exercise its right to monitor the use of information systems, including Internet access and the interception of e-mails in order to monitor compliance with this Acceptable Use Policy and the School's Data Security Policy. Where it believes unauthorised and/or inappropriate use of the service's information system or unacceptable or inappropriate behaviour may be taking place, the school will invoke its disciplinary procedure. If the School suspects that the system may be being used for criminal purposes or for storing unlawful text, imagery or sound, the matter will be brought to the attention of the relevant law enforcement organisation.

I _____ (please print name) acknowledge that I have received and read and understood a copy of the Ash Grove School Staff Acceptable Use Policy.

Signed _____

Dated _____

