

St Barnabas Pre-School Online Safety Policy

Policy Statement

The Internet is an essential resource to support teaching and learning. Computer and ITC skills are vital to accessing life-long learning and employment. The internet's effective use is an essential life-skill, however, unmediated internet access brings with it the possibility of placing children in embarrassing, inappropriate and even dangerous situations. It is important for children to learn to be e-safe from an early age and St Barnabas Pre-School can play a vital part in starting this process by providing pupils with safe access to the internet, teaching them to be aware of and respond to possible risks.

Policy Procedure

St Barnabas Pre-School staff closely supervise and regulate children's access to the internet following these core principles:

- Significant educational benefits should result from internet use including access to information from around the world.
- Internet use should be carefully planned and targeted within a regulated and managed environment
- Staff have a duty to ensure children in the pre-school are not exposed to inappropriate information or materials
- Staff need to ensure that children know how to ask for help if they come across material that makes them feel uncomfortable.
- Pre-school internet access will be tailored expressly for educational use and will include appropriate filtering
- Staff will guide pupils in online activities that will support their learning journeys