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Online Safety Policy

At our nursery, we recognise the increasing role of the internet in everyday life and the many benefits it can offer for learning, communication, and exploration. At the same time, we are committed to promoting safe and responsible use of digital technologies. We actively support children, employees, and families in understanding online risks and adopting practices that protect their wellbeing in the digital world.

Aim

- Ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and young people is paramount when adults, young people or children are using the internet, social media or mobile devices
- Provide colleagues and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to online safety
- Ensure that, as an organisation, we operate in line with our values and within the law in terms of how we use online devices.

The policy statement applies to all colleagues, volunteers, children and young people and anyone involved in Rotherly Day Nursery activities

Keeping Children Safe in Education categorises online safety into four areas of risk:

- **Content:** Being exposed to illegal, inappropriate or harmful material
- **Contact:** Being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users; and
- **Conduct:** Personal online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes harm.
- **Commerce:** Being exposed to risks through online advertising, scams, or fraudulent financial transactions that may exploit or mislead children and families.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are ultimately responsible for online safety concerns.

We Believe That

- Children and young people should never experience abuse of any kind
- Children should be able to use the internet for education and personal development, but safeguards need to be in place to ensure they are kept safe at all times

We Recognise That

- The online world provides everyone with many opportunities; however it can also present risks and challenges
- We have a duty to ensure that all children, young people and adults involved in our organisation are protected from potential harm online
- We have a responsibility to help keep children and young people safe online, whether or not they are using the nursery's network and devices
- Working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare and in helping young people to be responsible in their approach to online safety
- All children, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse

We keep children safe online by:

- Providing clear and specific directions to employees and volunteers on how to behave online through our behaviour code for adults
- Supporting and encouraging parents and carers to do what they can to keep their children safe online
- Developing clear and robust procedures to enable us to respond appropriately to any incidents of inappropriate online behaviour, whether by an adult or a child or young person
- Reviewing and updating the security of our information systems regularly
- Ensuring that usernames, logins, email accounts and passwords are used effectively and are never shared
- Ensuring personal information about the adults and children who are involved in our organisation is held securely and shared only as appropriate
- Ensuring that images of children, young people and families are used only after their written permission has been obtained, and only for the purpose for which consent has been given
- Ensure that only Nursery electronic devices are used to take photos/videos of children

We ensure that concerns may be raised by:

- Having clear and robust safeguarding procedures in place for responding to abuse (including online abuse)
- Providing support and training for all colleagues and volunteers on dealing with all forms of abuse, including bullying or cyberbullying, emotional abuse, sexting, sexual abuse and sexual exploitation