Online safety – appendix

East Leake Academy

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Diverse Academies

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1. Introduction

We follow all aspects of statutory safeguarding guidance outlined in the Trust policy [here.](#)

East Leake Academy has outlined its commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all students. Safeguarding determines the actions taken to keep students safe and protect them from harm in all aspects of their school life to ensure that they have the best outcomes. This is underpinned by a culture of openness where both students and staff feel secure, able to talk, and feel listened to.

2. Online safety statement

Being online plays an integral part in our community's lives. However, we aim to create an environment that enables all stakeholders to work collaboratively in order to adapt to the ever-changing world of technology and inform each other of ways to use the internet safely and responsibly.

3. Policy scope

East Leake Academy follows all aspects of the Diverse Academies Trust Policy.

4. Roles and responsibilities

Chris Berry, the Online Safety Leads and the DSLs have lead responsibility for online safety, in particular;

- Supporting the principal in ensuring that staff implement online safety throughout the academy

- Working with staff, as necessary, to address any online safety issues or incidents

- Ensuring that any online safety incidents are logged via My Concern

- Ensuring that any incidents of cyber-bullying are logged via My Concern and dealt with appropriately in line with the academy's behaviour policy

Staff are responsible for ensuring that:

- They have an awareness of current online safety matters/trends and of the current school Online Safety Policy and practices

- They understand that online safety is a core part of safeguarding

- They immediately report any suspected misuse or problem to a DSL or Online Safety Lead (DSLs), in line with the school safeguarding procedures

- All digital communications with learners and parents/carers should be on a professional level and only carried out using official school systems

- Online safety issues are embedded in all aspects of the curriculum and other activities

- They have a zero-tolerance approach to incidents of online-bullying, sexual harassment, and discrimination

- They model safe, responsible, and professional online behaviours in their own use of technology, including out of school and in their use of social media.

Parents/Carers:

Parents and carers play a crucial role in ensuring that their children understand the need to use online services and devices in an appropriate way. Therefore, parents and carers are encouraged to support East Leake Academy in reinforcing the online safety messages provided in school.

5. Training

East Leake Academy follows all aspects of the Diverse Academies Trust Policy.

6. Education

East Leake Academy's PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) curriculum and Personal Development curriculum ensures pupils are taught how to keep themselves safe online. This is approached as appropriate to the individual child and their developmental level.

The curriculum is delivered to the children via dedicated teaching sessions and is reinforced through staff modelling expectations throughout the academy day. Some children require more individualised subject material to be covered and this will be addressed appropriately for the child.

Our PSHE and Personal Development curriculum cover the following areas in relation to online safety:

Online safety
- Content: being exposed to illegal, inappropriate, or harmful content
- Contact: being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users
- Conduct: online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes, harm;
- Commerce: risks such as online gambling, inappropriate advertising, phishing and or branding

7. Cultivating a safe environment

East Leake Academy follows all aspects of the Diverse Academies Trust Policy.

8. Responding to online safety concerns

East Leake Academy follows all aspects of the Diverse Academies Trust Policy.

9. Responding to complaints

East Leake Academy follows all aspects of the Diverse Academies Trust Policy.

10. Monitoring and compliance

East Leake Academy follows all aspects of the Diverse Academies Trust Policy.

11. Disclaimer

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