

# Elliott Park School



Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Dear Parent/ Carer,

All pupils use computer facilities including Internet access as an essential part of learning, as required by the National Curriculum. Your child will have the opportunity to access a wide range of information and communication technology (ICT) resources. This includes access to:

- Computers, laptops and other digital devices
- Internet which may include search engines and educational websites
- School learning platform/intranet
- Email
- Games consoles and other games based technologies
- Digital cameras, web cams and video cameras
- Recorders and Dictaphones

We recognise the essential and important contribution that technology plays in promoting children's learning and development and offers a fantastic range of positive activities and experiences. However we also recognise there are potential risks involved when using online technology and therefore have developed online safety (e-Safety) policies and procedures alongside the schools safeguarding measures.

The school takes responsibility for your child's online safety very seriously and, as such, we ensure that pupils are educated about safe use of technology and will take every reasonable precaution to ensure that pupils cannot access inappropriate materials whilst using school equipment. We have a dedicated e-Safety curriculum, closely monitor the use of any devices and address any e-Safety issues that come up appropriately. However no system can be guaranteed to be 100% safe and the school cannot be held responsible for the content of materials accessed through the internet and the school is not liable for any damages arising from use of the schools internet and ICT facilities. Full details of the school's Acceptable Use Policy and online safety (e-Safety) policy are available on the school website

[www.elliottparkschool.co.uk](http://www.elliottparkschool.co.uk) or on request.

We request that all parents/carers support the schools approach to online safety (e-Safety) by role modelling safe and positive online behaviour for their child and by discussing online safety with them whenever they access technology at home. Parents/carers can visit the school website for more information about the school's approach to online safety as well as to access useful links to support both you and your child in keeping safe online at home.

Whilst the school monitors and manages technology use in school we believe that children themselves have an important role in developing responsible online behaviours. In order to support the school in developing your child's knowledge and understanding about online safety, we request that you read the attached Acceptable Use Policy with your child and that you and your child discuss the content and return the attached slip. Hopefully, you will also find this Acceptable Use Policy provides you with an opportunity for conversations between you and your child about safe and appropriate use of the technology, both at school and at home. We understand that your child is too young to give informed consent on his/ her own; however, we feel it is good practice to involve them as much as possible in the decision making process, and believe a shared commitment is the most successful way to achieve this.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact the school online safety Coordinator (Miss Pennington) or myself.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. C. Hiller  
Headteacher