

Sissinghurst Church of England VA Primary



Our School Vision

Let Your Light Shine – Matthew 5:16

At Sissinghurst Church of England Primary School in partnership with the Church, parents, and wider community, we offer an inclusive learning environment to nurture potential that enables all to be successful. Vibrant, rich curricular opportunities equip everyone with knowledge and skills to question, discuss and challenge.

Everyone's talents are discovered and celebrated. We foster spiritual growth and reflection to find wonder and joy in the World together. As light bearers, our shared responsibility is to encourage each other to be compassionate and kind so we can all shine with integrity, humility and wisdom. We find courage to act when we know there is darkness, illuminating the World with God's light and hope.

We are dedicated to providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. Our Christian values of:

Kindness Forgiveness Courage Service

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This policy has been written in accordance with KCSIE and should be read alongside the school Social media, mobile and smart technology and Codes of conduct policies.

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Early Years and Key Stage 1 (0-6)

I understand that the school Acceptable Use Policy will help keep me safe and happy online.

- I understand that the school rules will help keep me safe and happy when I go online.
- I only go online when an adult is with me.
- I only click on online things online when I know what they do. If I am not sure, I ask an adult first.
- I keep my personal information and passwords safe.
- I only send polite and friendly messages online.
- I know the school can see what I am doing online when I use school computers / devices and systems learners are expected to use, including if I use them at home.
- If I see something online that makes me feel upset, unhappy, or worried I will always tell an adult.
- I can visit www.ceopeducation.co.uk to learn more about keeping safe online.
- I know that if I do not follow the rules my teachers will talk to me and I may need to speak to Mrs Holman and or my parents about how to be safe online.
- I have read and talked about these rules with my parents/carers.

Shortened KS1 version (for use on posters or with very young children)

- I only go online with a grown-up.
- I am kind online.
- I keep information about me safe online.
- I tell a grown-up if something online makes me unhappy or worried.

Key Stage 2 (7-11)

I understand that the school Acceptable Use Policy will help keep me safe and happy online at home and at school.

Safe

- I will be kind and respectful online, just like I am in school.
- I only send messages which are polite and friendly.
- I will only share pictures or videos online if they are safe, kind, and I have asked for permission first.
- I will only click on links if a trusted adult says they are safe.
- I know that people online might not be who they say they are. I will only chat with people I know or who a trusted adult says are safe.
- If someone online asks to meet me, I will tell a trusted adult straight away.

Learning

- In school I may use the school laptops, chrome books, ipads or tablets. I always ask an adult before using one.
- I am not allowed to use mobile phones or personal smart devices at school.
- If I need to bring my mobile phone to school it must be switched off and handed into the office when I arrive. The office will keep it safe and I may collect it at the end of the day.
- I always ask permission from an adult before using the internet.
- I only use websites, tools and search engines that my teacher has chosen or given me permission to use.
- I use school devices for school work unless I have permission otherwise.
- If I need to learn online at home, I will follow the same rules in this policy.

Trust

- I know that some things or people online might not be honest or truthful.
- If I'm not sure something online is true, I will check with other websites, books, or ask a trusted adult.
- I always credit the person or source that created any work, images, or text I use.

- I will use Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools safely and sensibly. I won't use them to cheat, copy other people's work, or say anything unkind. I know that AI tools can sometimes make mistakes. I will only use them when a teacher or trusted adult says it's okay.

Responsible

- I keep my personal information safe and private online.
- I will keep my passwords safe and will not share them.
- I will not access or change other people's files or information.
- I will only change the settings on a device if a member of staff has allowed me to.

Understand

- I understand that the school internet filter is there to protect me, and I will not try to bypass it.
- I know that all school devices, networks and systems are monitored to help keep me safe, including when I use them at home. This means someone at the school may be able to see and/or check my online activity when I use school devices and/or networks if they are worried about my or anyone else's safety or behaviour.
- I have read and talked about these rules with my parents/carers.
- I can visit www.ceopeducation.co.uk and www.childline.org.uk to learn more about being safe online.
- If, for any reason, I need to bring a personal device, like a smart/mobile phone and/or other wearable technology into school then I will hand it in to the office for the day.
- I know that if I do not follow the school rules then my teachers will talk to me and I may need to speak to Mrs Holman and / or my parents about how to be safe online.

Tell

- If I see anything online that I should not or that makes me feel worried or upset, I will minimise the page and tell an adult straight away.
- If I am aware of anyone being unsafe with technology, I will report it to a teacher.
- I know it is not my fault if I see something upsetting or unkind online.
- If I'm not sure about something online or it makes me feel worried or scared, I will talk to a trusted adult.

Shortened KS2 version (for use on posters)

- I ask an adult about which websites I can use.
- I will not assume information online is true.
- I know there are laws that stop me copying online content.
- I know I must only open online messages that are safe. If I am unsure, I will not open it without speaking to an adult first.
- I know that people online are strangers, and they may not always be who they say they are.
- If someone online suggests meeting up, I will always talk to an adult straight away.
- I will not use technology to be unkind to people.
- I will keep information about me and my passwords private.
- I always talk to an adult if I see something which makes me feel worried.

Sissinghurst CE (VA) Primary School Acceptable Use of Technology Policy – Pupil Agreement

I, with my parents/carers, have read and understood the school Acceptable Use of Technology Policy (AUP) and remote learning AUP.

I agree to follow the AUP when:

1. I use school devices and Google Classroom both on site and at home.
2. I use my own equipment out of the school, including communicating with other members of the school or when accessing Google Classrooms

Name..... Signed.....

Class..... Date.....

Parent/Carer's Name.....

Parent/Carer's Signature.....

Date.....

Acceptable Use of Technology Statements and Forms for Parents/Carers

KCSIE states that schools and colleges should ensure parents/carers are aware of 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 is going to be interacting with online.

Parent/Carer AUP Acknowledgement Form

Sissinghurst CE (VA) Primary School Pupil Acceptable Use of Technology Policy Acknowledgment

1. I have read and discussed Sissinghurst CE (VA) Primary School pupil acceptable use of technology policy (AUP) with my child and understand that the AUP will help keep my child safe online.
2. I understand that the AUP applies to my child's use of school devices and systems on site and at home including; School laptops, Chrome books, tablets, ipads and Google Classroom and personal use where there are safeguarding and/or behaviour concerns. This may include if online behaviour that poses a threat or causes harm to another pupil, could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school, if a pupil is identifiable as a member of the school, or if the behaviour could adversely affect the reputation of the school.
3. I am aware that any use of school devices and systems are appropriately filtered and may be monitored for safety and security reasons to keep my child safe and to ensure policy compliance. This monitoring will be proportionate and will take place in accordance with data protection, privacy, and human rights legislation. Sissinghurst CE (VA) Primary school uses filtering systems provided by RM Connectivity Services. The system used is RM SafetyNet to a high and appropriate level of filtering content which can be accessed through the school wifi. The school monitors pupils' online use whilst onsite and any sites which cause concern are reported to the Headteacher and DSL who will notify the relevant authorities including RM Connectivity Services to ensure filtering is as effective as possible.
4. I am aware that the school mobile and smart technology policy states that my child cannot use personal devices and mobile and smart technology on site. If pupils do need to bring a mobile device to school for any reason such as for older pupils' contact on the walk home from school, I understand that the device will need to be switched off on school premises and handed in to the school office where it will be kept securely until the end of the day.
5. I understand that my child needs a safe and appropriate place to access remote/online learning, for example, if the school is closed in response to Covid or bad weather. I will ensure my child's access to remote/online learning is appropriately supervised and any use is in accordance with the school remote learning AUP.
6. I understand that the school will take every reasonable precaution, including implementing appropriate monitoring and filtering systems, to ensure my child is safe when they use school devices and systems. I understand that the school cannot ultimately be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed online or if my child is using personal mobile or smart technologies.
7. I and my child are aware of the importance of safe online behaviour which includes use of social media chat groups including WhatsApp groups and I and my child will not deliberately upload or share any content that could upset, threaten the safety of or offend any member of the school community, or content that could adversely affect the reputation of the school.
8. I understand that the school will contact me if they have concerns about any possible breaches of the AUP or have any concerns about my child's safety online.
9. I will inform the school (for example speaking to the Headteacher and/or the Designated Safeguarding Lead) or other relevant organisations if I have concerns over my child's or other members of the school community's safety online.

10. I know that my child will receive online safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of technology and the internet, both in and out of school.
11. I understand my role and responsibility in supporting the school online safety approaches and safeguarding my child online. I will use parental controls, supervise access and will encourage my child to adopt safe use of the internet and other technology at home, as appropriate to their age and understanding.
12. I will support the school approach to online safety. I will role model safe and positive online behaviour for my child by sharing images, text, and video online responsibly.
13. I understand that a partnership approach to online safety is required. If the school has any concerns about either my or my child's behaviour or safety online, then I will be contacted.
14. I understand that if I or my child do not abide by the school AUP, appropriate action will be taken. This could include sanctions being applied in line with the school policies and if a criminal offence has been committed, the police being contacted.
15. I know that I can speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Sarah Holman, Headteacher if I have any concerns about online safety.

Child's Name..... Child's Signature (*if appropriate*)

Class..... Date.....

Parent/Carer's Name.....

Parent/Carer's Signature..... Date.....

Acceptable Use of Technology for Staff, Visitors and Volunteers

Staff Acceptable Use of Technology Policy (AUP)

As a professional organisation with responsibility for safeguarding, all members of staff are expected to use Sissinghurst CE (VA) Primary School IT systems in a professional, lawful, and ethical manner. To ensure that members of staff understand their professional responsibilities when using technology and provide appropriate curriculum opportunities for pupils, they are asked to read and sign the staff Acceptable Use of Technology Policy (AUP).

Our AUP is not intended to unduly limit the ways in which members of staff teach or use technology professionally, or indeed how they use the internet personally, however the AUP will help ensure that all staff understand the school expectations regarding safe and responsible technology use and can manage the potential risks posed. The AUP will also help to ensure that school systems are protected from any accidental or deliberate misuse which could put the safety and security of our systems or members of the community at risk.

Policy scope

1. I understand that this AUP applies to my use of technology systems and services provided to me or accessed as part of my role within Sissinghurst CE (VA) Primary School both professionally and personally. This may include use of laptops, Chrome books, mobile phones, tablets, digital cameras, and email as well as IT networks, data and data storage, remote learning and online and offline communication technologies.
2. I understand that Sissinghurst CE (VA) Primary School Acceptable Use of Technology Policy (AUP) should be read and followed in line with the school child protection including online safety policy, staff code of conduct and remote/online learning AUP.
3. I am aware that this AUP does not provide an exhaustive list; all staff should ensure that technology use is consistent with the school ethos, school code of conduct and safeguarding policies, national and local education and child protection guidance, and the law.

Use of school devices and systems

4. I will only use the equipment and internet services provided to me by the school for example school provided laptops, tablets, mobile phones, and internet access, when working with pupils.
5. I understand that any equipment and internet services provided by my workplace is intended for education purposes and/or professional use and should only be accessed by members of staff. Reasonable personal use of setting IT systems and/or devices by staff is allowed in accordance with school safeguarding policies and can be revoked at anytime should this be abused in anyway.

Data and system security

6. To prevent unauthorised access to systems or personal data, I will not leave any information system unattended without first logging out or securing/locking access.
 - o I will use a 'strong' password to access school systems. Passwords should be changed if there is any concern that they are no longer secure.
 - o I will protect the devices in my care from unapproved access or theft by being mindful about where I leave my devices and not leaving them unsupervised in public places.
7. I will respect school system security and will not disclose my password or security information to others.
8. I will not open any hyperlinks or attachments in emails unless they are from a known and trusted source. If I have any concerns about email content sent to me, I will report them to the Headteacher and Perry Everard.
9. I will not attempt to install any personally purchased or downloaded software, including browser toolbars, or hardware without permission from the IT system manager – Perry Everard.

10. I will ensure that any personal data is kept in accordance with the Data Protection legislation, including GDPR in line with the school information security policies.
- All personal data will be obtained and 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 being removed from the school site, such as via email or on memory sticks or CDs, will be suitably protected eg encrypted. Ideally data and school information will be stored and shared using Teams and One Drive.
 - Any data being shared online, such as via cloud systems or artificial intelligence tools (AI), will be suitably risk assessed and approved by the school Data Protection Officer and leadership team prior to use to ensure it is safe and legal.
11. I will not keep documents which contain school related sensitive or personal information, including images, files, videos, and emails, on any personal devices, such as laptops, digital cameras, and mobile phones. Where possible, I will use the school learning platform Teams or Google Classroom to upload any work documents and files in a password protected environment.
12. I will not store any personal information on the school IT system, including school laptops or similar device issued to members of staff, that is unrelated to school activities, such as personal photographs, files or financial information.
13. I will ensure that school owned information systems are used lawfully and 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.
14. I will not attempt to bypass any filtering and/or security systems put in place by the school.
15. If I suspect a computer or system has been damaged or affected by a virus or other malware, I will report this to the ICT Support Provider Perry Everard and the Headteacher as soon as possible.
16. If I have lost any school related documents or files, I will report this to the ICT Support Provider Perry Everard and school Data Protection Officer SATSWANA via the Headteacher as soon as possible.
17. Any images or videos of pupils will only be used as stated in the school image use policy. I understand images of pupils must always be appropriate and should only be taken with school provided equipment and only be taken/published where parent/carers have given explicit written consent.

Classroom practice

18. I understand that it is part of my roles and responsibilities to ensure that appropriate filtering and monitoring is implemented and as discussed with me as part of my induction and/or ongoing safeguarding and child protection staff training.
19. If there is failure in the filtering software or abuse of the filtering or monitoring systems, for example, I witness or suspect accidental or deliberate access to illegal, inappropriate or harmful material, I will report this to any DSL immediately.
20. I am aware of the expectations relating to safe technology use in the classroom, safe remote learning, and other working spaces as listed in the school child protection, online safety, remote learning AUP.
21. I have read and understood the school mobile and smart technology and social media policies.
22. I am aware that generative artificial intelligence (AI) tools may have many uses which could benefit our school community. However, I also recognise that AI tools can also pose risks, including, but not limited to, bullying and harassment, abuse and exploitation (including child sexual abuse), privacy and data protection risks, plagiarism

and cheating, and inaccurate, harmful and/or biased material. Additionally, its use can pose moral, ethical and legal concerns if not carefully managed. As such, I understand that the use of AI as part of our education/curriculum approaches needs to be carefully considered before use.

23. I will promote online safety 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 by:

- exploring online safety principles as part of an embedded and progressive curriculum and reinforcing safe behaviour whenever technology is used.
- creating a safe environment where pupils feel comfortable to report concerns and say what they feel, without fear of getting into trouble and/or be judged for talking about something which happened to them online.
- involving the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Sarah Holman or a deputy DSL - Anna Wolfe, Sharmila Desai, Joanne Ridgway as part of planning online safety lessons or activities to ensure support is in place for any pupils who may be impacted by the content.
- make informed decisions to ensure any online safety resources used with pupils is appropriate.

24. I will report any filtering breaches (such as access to illegal, inappropriate, or harmful material) to the DSL in line with the child protection policy.

25. I will respect copyright and intellectual property rights; and ensure my use of online platforms and tools is safe, legal and ethical; I will obtain appropriate permission to use content, and if videos, images, text, or music are protected, I will not copy, share, misuse, plagiarise, or distribute them.

Mobile devices and smart technology

26. I will ensure that my use of mobile devices and smart technology is compatible with my professional role, does not interfere with my work duties and takes place in line with the staff code of conduct and the school mobile technology policy and the law.

Online communication, including use of social media

27. I will ensure that my use of communication technology, including use of social media is compatible with my professional role, does not interfere with my work duties and takes place in line with the child protection including online safety policy, staff code of conduct, social media policy and the law.

28. As outlined in the staff code of conduct and school social media policy:

- I will take appropriate steps to protect myself and my reputation, and the reputation of the school, online when using communication technology, including the use of social media.
- I will not discuss or share data or information relating to pupils, staff, school business or parents/carers on social media.

29. My electronic communications with current and past pupils and parents/carers will be transparent and open to scrutiny and will only take place within clear and explicit professional boundaries.

- I will ensure that all electronic communications take place in a professional manner via school approved and/or provided communication channels and systems, such as a school email address, Google Classroom user account, school cloud or telephone number.
- I will not share any personal contact information or details with pupils, such as my personal email address or phone number.
- I will not add or accept friend requests or communications on personal social media with current or past pupils and/or their parents/carers.
- If I am approached online by a current or past pupil or parents/carers, I will not respond and will report the communication to Sarah Holman, Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).
- Any pre-existing relationships or situations that compromise my ability to comply with the AUP or other relevant policies will be discussed with the DSL and/or Headteacher.

Policy concerns

- 30. I will not upload, download, or access any materials which are illegal, such as child sexual abuse images, criminally racist material, adult pornography covered by the Obscene Publications Act.
- 31. I will not attempt to access, create, transmit, display, publish or forward any material or content online that may be harmful, inappropriate or likely to harass, cause offence, inconvenience, or needless anxiety to any other person.
- 32. I will not engage in any online activities or behaviour that could compromise my professional responsibilities or bring the reputation of the school into disrepute.
- 33. I will report and record any concerns about the welfare, safety or behaviour of pupils or parents/carers online to the DSL in line with the school child protection policy.
- 34. I will report concerns about the welfare, safety, or behaviour of staff online to the Headteacher, in line with school child protection policy, Managing allegations against staff including low level concerns.

Policy Compliance and Breaches

- 35. If I have any queries or questions regarding safe and professional practise online, either in school or off site, I will raise them with the DSL/Headteacher.
- 36. I understand that the school may exercise its right to monitor the use of its information systems, including internet access and the interception of messages/emails on our systems, to monitor policy compliance and to ensure the safety of pupils and staff. This monitoring will be proportionate and will take place in accordance with data protection, privacy, and human rights legislation.
- 37. I understand that if the school believe that unauthorised and/or inappropriate use of school systems or devices is taking place, the school may invoke its disciplinary procedures as outlined in the staff code of conduct.
- 38. I understand that if the school believe that unprofessional or inappropriate online activity, including behaviour which could bring the school into disrepute, is taking place online, the school may invoke its disciplinary procedures as outlined in the staff code of conduct.
- 39. I understand that if the school suspects criminal offences have occurred, the police will be informed.

I have read, understood and agreed to comply with Sissinghurst CE (VA) Primary School Staff Acceptable Use of Technology Policy when using the internet and other associated technologies, both on and off site.

Name of staff member:

Signed:

Date (DDMMYY).....

Visitor and Volunteer Acceptable Use of Technology Policy

As a professional organisation with responsibility for safeguarding, it is important that all members of the community, including visitors and volunteers, are aware of our behaviour expectations and their professional responsibilities when using technology.

This AUP will help Sissinghurst CE (VA) Primary School ensure that all visitors and volunteers understand the school expectations regarding safe and responsible technology use.

Policy scope

1. I understand that this Acceptable Use of Technology Policy (AUP) applies to my use of technology systems and services provided to me or accessed as part of my role within Sissinghurst CE (VA) Primary School both professionally and personally. This may include use of laptops, mobile phones, tablets, digital cameras, and email as well as IT networks, data and data storage, remote learning systems and communication technologies.
2. I understand that Sissinghurst CE (VA) Primary School AUP should be read and followed in line with the school staff code of conduct.
3. I am aware that this AUP does not provide an exhaustive list; visitors and volunteers should ensure that all technology use is consistent with the school ethos, school staff code of conduct and safeguarding policies, national and local education and child protection guidance, and the law.
4. I will not upload, download, or access any materials which are illegal, such as child sexual abuse images, criminally racist material, adult pornography covered by the Obscene Publications Act.
5. I will not attempt to access, create, transmit, display, publish or forward any material or content online that is inappropriate or likely to harass, cause offence, inconvenience, or needless anxiety to any other person.
6. I will not engage in any online activities or behaviour that could compromise my professional responsibilities or bring the reputation of the school into disrepute.

Data and image use

7. I will ensure that any access to personal data is kept in accordance with Data Protection legislation, including UK GDPR.
8. I understand that I am not allowed to take images or videos of pupils.

Classroom practice

9. I am aware of the expectations regarding safe use of technology in the classroom and other working spaces, including appropriate supervision of pupils. Pupils should log on to devices using their own log in details. Although we have comprehensive filtering systems in place in school, If a child is able to access a site which has inappropriate material they should minimise the screen and immediately inform the class teacher.
10. Where I deliver or support remote/online learning, I will comply with the school remote/online learning AUP.
11. I will support staff in reinforcing safe behaviour whenever technology is used on site and I will promote online safety with the pupils in my care.
12. If I witness or suspect accidental or deliberate access to illegal, inappropriate or harmful material by any member of the school community, I will report this to any DSL, in line with the child protection policy.
13. I will respect copyright and intellectual property rights and ensure my use of online platforms and tools is safe, legal and ethical; I will obtain appropriate permission to use content, and if videos, images, text, or music are protected, I will not copy, share, misuse, plagiarise, or distribute them.

Use of mobile devices and smart technology

14. In line with the school mobile and smart technology policy, I understand that I am not permitted to use my mobile phone or smart technology on the school site when working with children. I will agree to turn my devices to silent and to keep them in my bag / pocket whilst on the school premises.

Online communication, including the use of social media

15. I will ensure that my online reputation and use of technology and is compatible with my role within the school. This includes my use of email, text, social media, social networking, gaming and any other personal devices or websites.

- o I will take appropriate steps to protect myself online as outlined in the child protection including online safety policy and the school social media policy.
- o I will not discuss or share data or information relating to pupils, staff, school business or parents/carers on social media.
- o I will ensure that my use of technology and the internet will not undermine my role, interfere with my duties and will be in accordance with the school code of conduct policy and the law.

16. My electronic communications with pupils, parents/carers and other professionals will only take place within clear and explicit professional boundaries and will be transparent and open to scrutiny.

- o All communication will take place via school approved communication channels such as via a school provided email address, account or telephone number.
- o Communication will not take place via personal devices or communication channels such as via my personal email, social networking account or mobile phone number.
- o Any pre-existing relationships or situations that may compromise my ability to comply with this will be discussed with the DSL/Headteacher Sarah Holman.

Policy compliance, breaches or concerns

17. If I have any queries or questions regarding safe and professional practice online either in school or off site, I will raise them with the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Headteacher, Sarah Holman.

18. I understand that the school may exercise its right to monitor the use of its devices information systems to monitor policy compliance and to ensure the safety of children and staff. This includes monitoring all school provided devices and school/setting systems and networks including school provided internet access, whether used on or offsite and may include the interception of messages and emails sent or received via school provided devices, systems and/or networks. This monitoring will be proportionate and will take place in accordance with data protection, privacy, and human rights legislation.

19. I will report and record concerns about the welfare, safety or behaviour of pupils or parents/carers online to the Designated Safeguarding Lead Sarah Holman, in line with the school child protection policy.

20. I will report concerns about the welfare, safety, or behaviour of staff online to the Headteacher, in line with the allegations against staff policy.

21. I understand that if the school believes that unauthorised and/or inappropriate use, or unacceptable or inappropriate behaviour is taking place online, the school may invoke its disciplinary procedures.

22. I understand that if the school suspects criminal offences have occurred, the police will be informed.

I have read, understood and agreed to comply with Sissinghurst CE (VA) Primary School visitor/volunteer Acceptable Use of Technology Policy when using the internet and other associated technologies, both on and off site.

Name of visitor/volunteer:

Signed:

Date (DDMMYY).....

Wi-Fi Acceptable Use Policy

School Wi-Fi Details and Code:

As a professional organisation with responsibility for children's safeguarding it is important that all members of the school community are fully aware of the school boundaries and requirements when using the school Wi-Fi systems and take all possible and necessary measures to protect data and information systems from infection, unauthorised access, damage, loss, abuse and theft.

This is not an exhaustive list, and all members of the school community are reminded that technology use should be consistent with our ethos, other appropriate policies, and the law.

1. The school provides Wi-Fi for the school community and allows access for visitors based on an individual needs basis. Visitors wishing to use the school Wi-Fi must explain to the office staff the purpose of their request. If there is any doubt about the reason for wishing to access the school Wi-Fi the Headteacher or other DSL will be consulted.
2. I am aware that the school will not be liable for any damages or claims of any kind arising from the use of the wireless service. The school takes no responsibility for the security, safety, theft, insurance, and ownership of any device used within the school premises that is not the property of the school.
3. The use of technology falls under Sissinghurst CE (VA) Primary School Acceptable Use of Technology Policy (AUP), code of conduct and child protection including online safety policy which all pupils/staff/visitors and volunteers must agree to and comply with.
4. The school reserves the right to limit the bandwidth of the wireless service, as necessary, to ensure network reliability and fair sharing of network resources for all users.
5. School owned information systems, including Wi-Fi, must be used lawfully; 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.
6. I will take all practical steps necessary to make sure that any equipment connected to the school service is adequately secure, such as up-to-date anti-virus software, systems updates.
7. The school wireless service is not secure, and the school cannot guarantee the safety of traffic across it. Use of the school wireless service is done at my own risk. By using this service, I acknowledge that security errors and hacking are an inherent risk associated with any wireless network. I confirm that I knowingly assume such risk.
8. The school accepts no responsibility for any software downloaded and/or installed, email opened, or sites accessed via the school wireless service's connection to the internet. Any damage done to equipment for any reason including, but not limited to, viruses, identity theft, spyware, plug-ins or other internet-borne programs is my sole responsibility; and I indemnify and hold harmless the school from any such damage.
9. I will respect system security; I will not disclose any password or security information that is given to me. To prevent unauthorised access, I will not leave any information system unattended without first logging out or locking my login as appropriate.
10. I will not attempt to bypass any of the school security and filtering systems or download any unauthorised software or applications.
11. My use of school Wi-Fi will be safe and responsible and will always be in accordance with the school AUP and the law including copyright and intellectual property rights. This includes the use of email, text, social media, social networking, gaming, web publications and any other devices or websites.

12. I will not upload, download, access or forward any material which is illegal or inappropriate or may cause harm, distress or offence to any other person, or anything which could bring the school into disrepute.
13. I will report any online safety concerns, filtering breaches or receipt of inappropriate materials to the Designated Safeguarding Lead Sarah Holman, as soon as possible.
14. If I have any queries or questions regarding safe behaviour online, I will discuss them with any Designated Safeguarding Lead or the Lead DSL and Headteacher, Sarah Holman.
15. I understand that my use of the school Wi-Fi may be monitored and recorded to ensure policy compliance in accordance with privacy and data protection legislation. If the school suspects that unauthorised and/or inappropriate use or unacceptable or inappropriate behaviour may be taking place, then the school may terminate or restrict usage. If the school suspects that the system may be being used for criminal purposes, the matter will be brought to the attention of the relevant law enforcement organisation.

I have read, understood and agreed to comply with Sissinghurst CE (VA) Primary School Wi-Fi Acceptable Use Policy.

Name

Signed:Date (DDMMYY).....

Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for Remote/Online Learning

KCSIE states “Schools and colleges are likely to be in regular contact with parents and carers. Those communications should be used to reinforce the importance of children being safe online and parents and carers are likely to find it helpful to understand what systems schools and colleges use to filter and monitor online use. It will be especially important for parents and carers to be aware of what their children are being asked to do online, including the sites they will be asked to access and be clear who from the school or college (if anyone) their child is going to be interacting with online”.

This policy specifically address safer practice when running formal remote/online learning, including live streamed sessions, but can also apply to other online communication, such as remote/online parent meetings or pastoral activities.

Remote/Online Learning AUP Template - Staff Statements

Sissinghurst CE (VA) Primary School Staff Remote/Online Learning AUP

The Remote/Online Learning Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) is in place to safeguarding all members of Sissinghurst CE (VA) Primary School community when taking part in remote/online learning, for example following any full or partial school closures.

Leadership oversight and approval

1. Remote/online learning will only take place using **Google Classroom**
 - **Google Classroom** has been assessed and approved by the **SLT**.
2. Staff will only use **school** managed **or** specific, approved professional accounts with pupils **and/or** parents/carers.
 - Use of any personal accounts to communicate with pupils and/or parents/carers is not permitted.
 - Any pre-existing relationships or situations which mean this cannot be complied with will be discussed with **Sarah Holman** Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).
 - Staff will use work provided equipment where possible **e.g. a school laptop, tablet, ipad or other mobile device**.
3. Online contact with pupils **and/or** parents/carers will not take place outside of the operating times as defined by SLT:

Weekdays 8:30am – 4pm (nb later times are permitted for agreed parent consultation evenings held virtually although the TEAMS platform would most likely be used for this if needed, staff should ensure the school office has a copy of the timetable for parent consultation meetings held virtually)
4. All remote/online lessons will be formally timetabled; **a member of SLT** is able to drop in at any time.
5. Live-streamed remote/online learning sessions will only be held with approval and agreement from **a member of SLT**.

Data Protection and Security

6. All remote/online learning and any other online communication will take place in line with current **school** confidentiality expectations as outlined in **our code of conduct**.
7. All participants will be made aware if Google Classrooms is being used to record activity and consent will be taken from all participants.
8. Staff will not record lessons or meetings using personal equipment.
9. Only members of the school community will be given access to the school **Google Classroom**.
10. Access to **Google Classroom** will be managed in line with current IT security expectations and it is expected that all staff will use strong password and will log off securely.

Session management

11. Staff will record the length, time, date, and attendance of any live sessions held.
12. Appropriate privacy and safety settings will be used to manage access and interactions. This includes:

- **limiting chat functions,**
 - **not permitting children to share screens**
 - **children cannot access the Google chat without a teacher being present.**
13. When live streaming in a Google Meet with children:
- contact will be made via children's **school** provided Google accounts **and** logins.
 - staff will **mute** children's microphones until children are invited to talk.
 - at least 2 members of staff will be present, If this is not possible, SLT approval will be sought.
14. Live 1:1 sessions will only take place with approval from the **headteacher and with a parent / appropriate adult present with the child.**
15. A pre-agreed **invitation** detailing the session expectations will be sent to those invited to attend.
- Access links should not be made public or shared by participants.
 - Children and parents/carers should not forward or share access links.
 - If children or parents/carers believe a link should be shared with others, they will discuss this with the member of staff running the session first
 - Children are encouraged to attend lessons in a shared/communal space or room with an open door and/or when appropriately supervised by a parent/carer or another appropriate adult.
16. Alternative approaches **and/or** access will be provided to those who do not have access.

Behaviour expectations

17. Staff will model safe practice and moderate behaviour online during remote sessions as they would in the classroom.
18. All participants are expected to behave in line with existing **school** policies and expectations. This includes
- **Appropriate language will be used by all attendees.**
 - **Staff will not take or record images for their own personal use.**
 - **Parents cannot record events for their own use**
19. Staff will remind attendees of behaviour expectations and reporting mechanisms at the start of the session.
20. When sharing videos and/or live streaming, participants are required to:
- **wear appropriate dress.**
 - **ensure backgrounds of videos are neutral (blurred if possible).**
 - **ensure that personal information and/or unsuitable personal items are not visible, either on screen or in video backgrounds.**
21. Educational resources will be used or shared in line with our existing teaching and learning policies, taking licensing and copyright into account.

Policy Breaches and Reporting Concerns

22. Participants are encouraged to report concerns during remote **and/or** live-streamed sessions. Children and parents can speak to their class teacher or any DSL or HT, Sarah Holman about any concerns.
23. If inappropriate language or behaviour takes place, participants involved will be removed by staff, the session may be terminated, and concerns will be reported to **the Headteacher**
24. Inappropriate online behaviour will be responded to in line with existing policies such as acceptable use of policies, allegations against staff, anti-bullying and behaviour.
25. Sanctions for deliberate misuse may include **but are not limited to: restricting/removing use, contacting police if a criminal offence has been committed.**

26. Any safeguarding concerns will be reported to **Sarah Holman**, Designated Safeguarding Lead, in line with our child protection policy.

I have read and understood Sissinghurst CE (VA) Primary School Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for remote/online learning.

Staff Member Name:

Date.....