



Bunscoil Ghaelgagh

E Safety Policy

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Safeguarding Policy, the Behaviour Policy and the Anti Bullying Policy.

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Set out the key principles expected of members of the school community at the Bunscoil Ghaelgagh with respect to use of ICT based technologies
- Safeguard and protect children and staff
- Assist school staff working with children to work safely and responsibly with the internet and other communication technologies and to monitor their own standards and practise
- Ensure that all members of the school community are aware that unlawful or unsafe behaviour is unacceptable and that where appropriate, action may be taken.

Intended Outcomes

- To be safe in an online environment

Learning and Teaching

Learners

Children are not allowed to use personal electronic devices at school.

When using school devices such as i-pads and pupil laptops, pupils will be monitored and instructed to inform a staff member immediately if they come across inappropriate images or content.

Pupils will be informed that searching for, or uploading inappropriate content, will result in a removal of permission to use ICT equipment in school.

GDPR training will be followed in the retaining and sharing of data relating to members of the community.

Community members will be encouraged to interact respectfully in online spaces.

Community members will be made aware that staff are happy to discuss any concerns they may have about E-safety issues

Parents and guardians are responsible for their children's e-safety out of school.

Children are encouraged to talk to parents, guardians and teaching staff about any incidents of online bullying.

Parents and guardians will be reminded annually about the Safer Schools App which gives up to date e-safety

Other Teacher Responsibilities

Log any inappropriate content accessed through filters and report it as soon as possible to the DESC.

Store sensitive data in accordance with the DESC's Data Protection Policy in line with the Data Protection Act of 1998.

Each class teacher will be responsible for teaching and monitoring the use of ICT in their classroom