



Think Fast Academy E-Safety Policy

Introduction

Think Fast Academy is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all students, staff, and stakeholders. As an alternative provision, we recognize the importance of integrating e-safety into our educational framework to protect our community from the risks associated with the digital world.

Purpose

The purpose of this E-Safety Policy is to:

- Safeguard students and staff while using technology.
- Promote the responsible use of digital resources.
- Outline procedures for reporting and managing e-safety incidents.
- Provide guidance on best practices for online behavior.

Scope

This policy applies to all students, staff, and visitors at Think Fast Academy, covering all electronic devices and online platforms used within the academy.

Responsibilities

1. Staff Responsibilities

- Attend e-safety training and stay updated on current e-safety issues.
- Model appropriate online behaviour and engage students in discussions about e-safety.
- Report any e-safety concerns to the designated e-safety lead.

2. Student Responsibilities

- Respect the online rights of others and practice good digital citizenship.
- Report any suspicious or harmful online behaviour to a trusted adult.
- Understand and adhere to the academy's guidelines for technology use.

3. Parental Responsibilities

- Engage with the academy regarding e-safety education and policies.
 - Monitor and guide their child's use of technology at home.
- Report any concerns regarding their child's online safety to the academy.

E-Safety Education

- We will provide regular e-safety education for students through workshops, assemblies, and curriculum integration.
- Topics will include cyberbullying, privacy settings, safe communication, and recognizing online risks.

Acceptable Use Policy

All users of academy technology must adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy, which includes:

- Using technology for educational purposes only.
- Respecting the privacy and intellectual property of others.
- Avoiding access to inappropriate or harmful content.

Reporting and Responding to E-Safety Incidents

- All e-safety incidents should be reported to the designated e-safety lead immediately.
- The academy will investigate all reports of e-safety concerns thoroughly and confidentially.
- Appropriate actions will be taken based on the severity of the incident, which may include disciplinary measures, parental involvement, or referral to external agencies.

Monitoring and Review

- The academy will utilize monitoring tools to ensure compliance with e-safety policies and to protect students from harmful content.
- This policy will be reviewed annually, or sooner if necessary, to adapt to new technologies and emerging e-safety issues.

Conclusion

Think Fast Academy is dedicated to fostering a safe online environment for learning and growth. By working together—students, staff, and parents—we can ensure that our digital landscape is secure and conducive to education.

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