

Safe Internet Use

Just for Fun Holiday Club recognises that the internet is a useful resource for both staff and children, for purposes of research, homework and entertainment. However, it must be used with care to ensure that children are kept safe from exposure to harmful material, in accordance with the EYFS safeguarding and welfare requirements and the Prevent Duty. We have ipads available for the children to use, however these will not be connected to the internet, only to be used for apps.

Parental permission

Children will only be allowed to access the internet at the Club if their parent or carer has given written permission.

Guidelines for children

A printed copy of the **SMART** guidelines are kept next to the computer. The guidelines are explained to any children wishing to access the internet:

- **Safe:** Keep safe by not giving out personal information - such as name, email, phone number, address, or school name - to people who you don't trust online.
- **Meeting:** Never agree to meet anyone you have only met online unless your parent or carer is with you.
- **Accepting:** Do not accept emails or instant messages, or open files, images or texts from people you don't know. They can contain viruses or nasty messages.
- **Reliable:** Not all the information found on the Internet is reliable and people you meet online won't always be telling the truth.
- **Tell:** Tell a member of staff or your parents if someone or something you encounter online makes you feel uncomfortable.

If, despite the safeguards the Club has put in place, a child encounters harmful material on the internet, or receives inappropriate messages, or experiences online bullying, whilst using the Club's ipad, the manager will be informed and the incident will be noted on an **Incident Record** in the child's file. The child's parent will be asked to sign the **Incident Record**. The manager will investigate how to prevent a reoccurrence of the incident.

If staff at the Club become aware that a child is deliberately attempting to access sites containing sexual, extremist or otherwise inappropriate material, or has been shown such material by a third party, they will complete a **Logging a concern** form and refer the matter to the Club's designated Child Protection Officer in accordance with our **Safeguarding Children Policy**.

Related policies

See also: **Safeguarding Children Policy, Social Media Policy.**

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Written in accordance with the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2017): Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Introduction [3.2]; Child Protection [3.6-3.7].*