

# Viking Academy Trust



## Acceptable Use Policy

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Chair of Trust

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## The Viking Academy Trust

Empowering Children Through Education: One Childhood One Chance

### Schools in the Viking Academy Trust (VAT)

Chilton Primary School  
Ramsgate Arts Primary School  
Upton Junior School

This 'Acceptable Use Policy' is specific to Ramsgate Arts Primary School .

### 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 only use the internet when an adult is with me.
- I only click on online links and buttons 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 messages online which are polite and friendly.
- I know the school can see what I am doing online when I use school computers/tablets and Microsoft Teams including if I use them at home.
- I always tell an adult/teacher/member of staff if something online makes me feel upset, unhappy, or worried.
- I can visit [www.ceopeducation.co.uk](http://www.ceopeducation.co.uk) to learn more about keeping safe online.
- I know that if I do not follow the school rules: I will have a consequence in line with the behaviour policy, my parents will be informed and I may not be allowed to use computers or tablets at school
- I have read and talked about these rules with my parents/carers.

### 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 behave online the same way as I behave in the classroom.
- I only send messages which are polite and friendly.
- I will only post pictures or videos on the internet if they are safe and appropriate, and if I have permission.
- I only talk with, and open messages, from people I know.



- I will only click on links if I know they are safe.
- I know that people I meet online may not always be who they say they are. If someone online suggests meeting up, I will immediately talk to an adult.

### **Learning**

- I know that I cannot use my own personal smart devices or mobile phone at school.
- I always ask permission from an adult before using the internet.
- I only use websites and search engines that my teacher has chosen.
- I use school devices for schoolwork unless I have permission otherwise.
- If I need to learn online at home, I will follow the school remote/online learning AUP.

### **Trust**

- I know that not everything or everyone online is honest or truthful.
- I will check content on various sources like other websites, books or with a trusted adult.
- I always credit the person or source that created any work, images, or text I use.

### **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.

### **Tell**

- If I see anything online that I should not or if I see something online that makes me feel worried or upset, I will close the lid of the laptop or press the home screen button on a tablet immediately and tell a teacher or member of staff
- If I am aware of anyone being unsafe with technology, I will report it to a teacher or member of staff at school
- I know it is not my fault if I see, or someone sends me, something upsetting or unkind online.
- I always talk to an adult if I am not sure about something or if something happens online that makes me feel worried or frightened.

### **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 owned devices and networks are monitored to help keep me safe, including if 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 networks if they are concerned about my or anyone else's safety or behaviour.
- If, for any reason, I need to bring a personal device, for example a smart/mobile phone I will leave it in the school office / hand in to my teacher at the start of the day
- I know that I am not permitted to wear a smart watch with mobile technology at school

- I have read and talked about these rules with my parents/carers.
- I can visit [www.ceopeducation.co.uk](http://www.ceopeducation.co.uk) and [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk) to learn more about being safe online or to see help.
- I know that if I do not follow the school rules then: There will be a consequence in line with the school behaviour policy, my parents/carers will be informed and I may not be allowed to use computers or tablets at school.

## Children/Pupils/Students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

I ask a grown-up if I want to use the computer.

- I make good choices on the computer.
- I use kind words on the internet.
- If I see anything that I do not like online, I tell a grown up.
- I know that if I do not follow the school rules then: I will have a consequence in line with my behaviour plan / school behaviour policy, my parents/carers will be informed and I may not be able to use a school computer or tablet.

### Meeting

- I tell a grown-up if I want to talk on the internet.

### Accepting

- I do not open messages or emails from strangers.

### Reliable

- I make good choices on the computer.

### Tell

- I use kind words on the internet.
- If I see anything that I do not like online, I will tell a grown up.

## Parent/Carer Acceptable Use of Technology Policy (AUP)

1. I know that my child will be provided with internet access and will use a range of IT systems in order to access the curriculum and be prepared for modern life whilst at Ramsgate Arts Primary School .
2. I understand that the AUP applies to my child's use of school devices and systems on site and at home, and personal use where there are safeguarding and/or behaviour concerns. This may include if online behaviour poses a threat or causes harm to another child could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school if a child is identifiable as a member of the school or if the behaviour could adversely affect the reputation of the school/setting.
3. I am aware that use of mobile and smart technology, such as mobile phones and/or wearable smart technology by children is not permitted at Ramsgate Arts Primary School .
4. I understand that any use of school devices and systems are appropriately filtered; this means all school devices are filtered for inappropriate or harmful internet searches or use and this is monitored daily.
5. I am aware that my child's use of school provided devices and systems will be monitored for safety and security reasons. This includes Webscreen filtering and monitoring which checks for inappropriate or harmful use or internet searches. Monitoring approaches are in place 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.
6. I understand that the school will take every reasonable precaution, including implementing appropriate monitoring and filtering systems as above, to ensure my child is safe when they use school devices and systems. I however understand that the school cannot ultimately be held responsible for filtering breaches that occur due to the dynamic nature of materials accessed online.
7. I am aware 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.
8. I have read and discussed Ramsgate Arts Primary School's Acceptable Use of Technology Policy (AUP) with my child.
9. I will support school safeguarding policies and will ensure that I use appropriate parental controls, will appropriately supervise/monitor my child's use of the internet outside of school and will discuss online safety with them when they access technology at home.
10. I know I can seek support from the school about online safety, such as via the school website to help keep my child safe online at home.
11. 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.
12. I, together with 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

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 Ramsgate Arts Primary School AUP, appropriate action will be taken. This could include sanctions being applied in line with the school policies (behaviour, anti-bullying, child protection, use of social media and mobile technology) and if a criminal offence has been committed, the police being contacted.
15. I know that I can speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead Nicholas Budge, my child's class teacher/ Head of Year/Key Stage Lead, Assistant or Deputy Head or the Head of School if I have any concerns about online safety.

# 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 Ramsgate Arts 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 children, 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 Ramsgate Arts Primary 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 Acceptable Use of Technology Policy (AUP) applies to my use of technology systems and services, either provided to me by the school or accessed by me as part of my role within Ramsgate Arts Primary School professionally and personally, both on and offsite. This may include my use of devices such as laptops, mobile phones, tablets, digital cameras, as well as IT systems and networks, email, data and data storage, remote learning systems and communication technologies.
2. I understand that Ramsgate Arts Primary School Acceptable Use of Technology Policy (AUP) should be read and followed in line with the school child protection, 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 staff behaviour 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 children.
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. Personal use of setting IT systems and/or devices by staff is not allowed.

6. Where I deliver or support remote/online learning, I will comply with the school remote/online learning AUP.

## **Data and system security**

7. 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.
  - I will use a 'strong' password to access school systems.
  - I will protect the devices in my care from unapproved access or theft (e.g. not leaving unsupervised in public places)
8. I will respect school system security and will not disclose my password or security information to others.
9. 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 IT manager.
10. I will not attempt to install any personally purchased or downloaded software, including browser toolbars, or hardware without permission from the IT manager.
11. I will ensure that any personal data is kept in accordance with the Data Protection legislation, including UK 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, will be suitably protected.
  - 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
12. 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 to upload any work documents and files in a password protected environment.
13. 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.
14. 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.



15. I will not attempt to bypass any filtering and/or security systems put in place by the school.
16. If I suspect a computer or system has been damaged or affected by a virus or other malware, I will report this to the IT team as soon as possible.
17. If I have lost any school related documents or files, I will report this to the IT Team and school Data Protection Officer (Claire Roby) as soon as possible.
18. Any images or videos of children will only be used as stated in the school image use policy. I understand images of children must always be appropriate and should only be taken with school provided equipment and only be taken/published where children/ and/or parent/carers have given explicit written consent.

## **Classroom practice**

19. I understand that it is part of my roles and responsibilities to ensure that appropriate filtering and monitoring is implemented by Ramsgate Arts Primary School as detailed in the Child Protection and Filtering and Monitoring Policy and as discussed with me as part of my induction and/or ongoing safeguarding and child protection staff training.
20. 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 the DSL and IT staff, in line with the school child protection policy.
21. I am aware of the expectations relating to safe technology use in the classroom, safe remote learning, and other working spaces as listed in child protection, social media and mobile technology policy and remote learning AUP.
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 is only permitted through my school account with TeachMate AI which is managed by Kate Law, Director of Education and Trust DSL.
  - Any misuse of AI will be responded to in line with relevant school policies, including but not limited to, anti-bullying, staff Code of Conduct, behaviour policy and child protection.
23. I will promote online safety with the children 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 children 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 (Nicholas Budge and Vicki Elliott) or a deputy ( Danny Holliday and Emily Hughes) as part of planning online safety lessons or activities to ensure support is in place for any children who may be impacted by the content.
- Informing the DSL and/or leadership team if I am teaching topics which could create unusual activity on the filtering logs, or if I believe the filtering system is placing unreasonable restrictions on teaching, learning or administration.
- make informed decisions to ensure any online safety resources used with children is appropriate.

24. 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**

25. I have read and understood the school mobile and smart technology and social media policies which addresses use by children and staff.

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, 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 children, staff, school business or parents/carers on social media.

29. My electronic communications with current and past **children** 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, user account or telephone number.

- I will not share any personal contact information or details with children, 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 children and/or their parents/carers.
- If I am approached online by a current or past children or parents/carers, I will not respond and will report the communication to my Head of School 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 Head of School.

## **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 children 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 Head of School, in line with school child protection policy and the allegations against staff policy.

## **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 and Head of School.
36. 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 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.
37. I understand that if the school believe that unauthorised and/or inappropriate use of school devices, systems or networks 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.

## 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 Ramsgate Arts 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, either provided to me by the school or accessed by me as part of my role within Ramsgate Arts Primary School professionally and personally. This may include my use of devices such as laptops, mobile phones, tablets, digital cameras, as well as IT systems and networks, email, data and data storage, remote learning systems and communication technologies.
2. I understand that Ramsgate Arts 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 behaviour 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 children.

### **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 children
10. I will support and reinforce safe behaviour whenever technology is used on site, and will promote online safety with the children in my care.
11. 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 the DSL in line with the school child protection policy.
12. 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**

13. In line with the school and smart technology policy, I understand that I am not permitted to use a mobile or smart device where children are present and should only do so in a private area (e.g. the staffroom).

### **Online communication, including the use of social media**

14. 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.
- I will take appropriate steps to protect myself online as outlined in the child protection and social media policy.
  - I will not discuss or share data or information relating to children, staff, school business or parents/carers on social media.
  - 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 and the law.
15. My electronic communications with children, parents/carers and other professionals will only take place within clear and explicit professional boundaries and will be transparent and open to scrutiny.
- All communication will take place via school approved communication channels such as via a school provided email address, account or telephone number.
  - Communication will not take place via personal devices or communication channels such as via my personal email, social networking account or mobile phone number.

- Any pre-existing relationships or situations that may compromise my ability to comply with this will be discussed with the DSL and Head of School.

## **Policy compliance, breaches or concerns**

16. 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 Head of School.
17. 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 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.
18. I will report and record concerns about the welfare, safety or behaviour of children or parents/carers online to the Designated Safeguarding Lead Nicholas Budge/ Vicki Elliott in line with the school child protection policy.
19. I will report concerns about the welfare, safety, or behaviour of staff online to the Head of School in line with the allegations against staff policy.
20. 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.
21. I understand that if the school suspects criminal offences have occurred, the police will be informed.

# Wi-Fi Acceptable Use Policy

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 educational purposes only. Wifi is password protected.
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 Ramsgate Arts Primary School Acceptable Use of Technology Policy (AUP), Child Protection Policy and behaviour policy which all children/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 ( Nicholas Budge/ Vicki Elliott) as soon as possible.
14. If I have any queries or questions regarding safe behaviour online, I will discuss them with Designated Safeguarding Lead or the Head of School.
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.



# Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for Remote/Online Learning

## Remote/Online Learning AUP Template - Staff Statements

### Ramsgate Arts Primary School Staff Remote/Online Learning AUP

The Remote/Online Learning Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) is in place to safeguarding all members of 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 Microsoft Teams
  - Microsoft Teams has been assessed and approved by the Head of School.
2. Staff will only use school managed professional accounts with children/pupils/students **and** parents/carers.
  - Use of any personal accounts to communicate with children and/or parents/carers is not permitted.
    - Any pre-existing relationships or situations which mean this cannot be complied with will be discussed with the Head of School and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).
  - Staff will use work provided equipment.
3. Online contact with children and parents/carers will not take place outside of the operating times as defined by SLT:  
Monday to Friday 7.30am – 5.30pm
4. All remote/online lessons will be formally timetabled; a member of SLT, DSL is able to drop in at any time.
5. Live-streamed remote/online learning sessions will only be held with approval and agreement from the Head of School

#### Data Protection and Security

6. Any personal data used by staff and captured by Microsoft Teams when delivering remote learning will be processed and stored with appropriate consent and in accordance with our data protection policy.
7. All remote/online learning and any other online communication will take place in line with current school confidentiality expectations as outlined in the confidentiality policy.
8. All participants will be made aware that Microsoft Teams records activity. Recorded lessons are deleted after 30 days.
9. Staff will not record lessons or meetings using personal equipment.

10. Only members of the Ramsgate Arts Primary School community will be given access to Microsoft Teams.
11. Access to Microsoft Teams will be managed in line with current IT security expectations as outlined in the AUP

### **Session management**

12. Appropriate privacy and safety settings will be used to manage access and interactions. This includes: disabling or limiting chat, not permitting children to share screens or manage screens, use of waiting rooms for admittance.
13. When live streaming with children:
  - contact will be made via children's school email accounts and logins.
  - staff will control the muting of children's microphones.
14. A pre-agreed invite detailing the session expectations will be sent to those invited to attend.
  - Access links should not be made public or shared by participants.
  - Children or 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.
15. Alternative approaches and or access will be provided to those who do not have access e.g. through the loan of a school device.

### **Behaviour expectations**

16. Staff will model safe practice and moderate behaviour online during remote sessions as they would in the classroom.
17. 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.
  - Setting decisions about if other attendees can or cannot record events for their own use, and if so, any expectations or restrictions about onward sharing.
  - The children's school behaviour policy will apply
18. Staff will remind attendees of behaviour expectations and reporting mechanisms at the start of the session.
19. 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.
20. 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**

21. Participants are encouraged to report concerns during remote and live-streamed sessions:
- By informing the member of staff leading a session
  - Reporting to an adult at home
  - Contacting a member of staff
22. 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 Head of School.
23. Inappropriate online behaviour will be responded to in line with existing policies such as acceptable use of technology, allegations against staff, anti-bullying and behaviour.
24. Sanctions for deliberate misuse may include removing access to remote learning or contacting police if a criminal offence has been committed.
25. Any safeguarding concerns will be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead, in line with our child protection policy.