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E-safety & responsible use of the internet

As part of pupils' curriculum enhancement and the development of ICT skills, Dunswell Academy provides supervised access to the Internet and tuition on e-mailing (KS2 only). Although there will always be genuine concerns about pupils having access to undesirable materials, we are taking positive steps to deal with this risk in school. Our school Internet access provider, The East Riding Intranet for Learning, operates a filtering system that restricts access to inappropriate materials.

Whilst every endeavour is made to ensure that suitable restrictions are placed on the ability of children to access inappropriate materials, the Staff or Governing Body cannot be held responsible for the nature or content of materials accessed through the Internet. The Staff or Governing Body will not be liable under any circumstances for any damages arising from your child's use of the Internet facilities.

Social media & networking sites

Dunswell Academy will restrict access to social media and social networking sites within the school—although this cannot be policed outside of the school.

All adults should be made aware of the potential risks of using social networking sites and aware of the importance of considering materials they and their children post. The internet and social networking sites may provide a virtual online community to which a child may wish to belong and then may in turn become increasingly exposed to criticism and bullying. Children should be encouraged to think about uploading personal information, the associated dangers and the difficulty in removing an inappropriate image or information once published.

Children should be advised never to give out personal details of any kind which may identify them and/or their location. Examples include real name, address, mobile or landline numbers, school attending, IM and e-mail addresses, full names of friends/ family, specific interests and clubs etc. Children should be advised not to place personal photos on any social networking space. They should be encouraged to set passwords, deny access to unknown individuals and instructed on how to block unwanted communications. Children should invite only known friends and deny access to others by making profiles private. It is advised for them not to publish specific and detailed thoughts, especially those that may be considered threatening, hurtful or defamatory.

Parents/ carers are not allowed to take photos at school or during a school production/event unless authorised to do so by the head teacher. Under no circumstances are parents allowed to take individual photos of other children. It is not permitted to publish photos of other children or staff (unless permission has been obtained from the individual concerned) onto the internet or social networking sites.

A copy of the Rules for Responsible Internet Use that we operate at Dunswell Academy is below.

DUNSWELL ACADEMY

Rules for Responsible Internet Use

*The school has computers installed and Internet access to help our learning.
These rules will keep everyone safe and help us be fair to others.*

- ❖ I will ask permission from a member of staff before using the Internet
- ❖ I will use only my own login and password, which I will keep secret
- ❖ I will not access other people's files
- ❖ I will use the computers only for school work and homework
- ❖ I will not bring USB/ Memory sticks into school unless I have permission
- ❖ I will only e-mail people my teacher has approved and under their supervision
- ❖ The messages I send will be polite and sensible
- ❖ I will never give my full name, my home address or phone number, or arrange to meet someone
- ❖ To help protect other pupils and myself, I will tell a teacher if I see anything I am unhappy with or I receive messages I do not like
- ❖ I understand that the school may check my computer files and may monitor the internet sites I visit.
- ❖ I will be respectful of others and not publish anything hurtful or unkind (Social networking sites, Facebook etc.)
- ❖ I will not publish photos of anyone without their permission (Social networking sites)

Children do not have access to Social networking sites at school.

Parents/ carers have the responsibility of monitoring their child's internet access and security in the use of home computers and mobile phones.