

# St Marychurch Pre-school

## Online Safety Information for Parents and Carers

### Statement of intent

At St Marychurch Pre-school we strive to ensure that all children remain safe and free from harm. We know children of all ages enjoy using a variety of technology, from mobile phones, cameras, games online, talking to family, watching videos. Children are even learning to use on their own, enabled technology, such as Alex and Siri, in order for them to find out about the world around them and enhance their learning.

### Aim

Children have the right to be safe

Parents have a right to be informed

Children are best protected when parents and the setting work together

### Partnership

Practitioners, parents and children need to be aware of the risks associated with sharing images and with posting digital images on the internet. These images may remain available on the internet forever and may cause harm or embarrassment to individuals in the short or longer term. Parents may take photos during activities and events but if their pictures contain other children they **must not** be posted on Facebook or other social media sites, without the permission of the parent or Manager. This include any information posted on Tapestry/online platforms.

St Marychurch Pre-school will inform parents of any new safety information regarding children using technology online and refer you to the websites detailed below for further information

### Prevention

Parents should start talking about keeping safe online to their children from an early age, using little and often conversations

Set boundaries from the start to avoid confrontation later

Check that websites are suitable for children before they use them and apply age-appropriate controls.

Look for parental pages on how to use the site.

Ensure your homepage is set to a child-friendly website.

Talk to friends about the websites they use for their children

Set 'safety mode' up on YouTube to help filter out explicit content

If you use Google turn on Google Safe Search to filter sexually explicit content from your search results.

Use of the internet during the Pre-school session by the Manager and Deputy Manager to show children sites to enhance the curriculum is allowable and previously checked, but children never have unsupervised access.

Mobiles phones/cameras are not allowed to be brought in by children, however, if a child is found to have a usable mobile phone or ICT device this will be removed and stored safely until the child is collected. All practitioners mobile phones are locked away during the session. All practitioners have a duty to report any concerns relating to potential misuse and practitioners will follow the procedures on the Whistle Blowing Policy

### Curriculum

St Marychurch Pre-school will also address the issue of children's safety online throughout the curriculum and will discuss using the internet when using the iPad or laptop.

**Websites for parents:**

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/keeping-under-fives-safeonline>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

**Our designated online safety practitioner is Otilie Evans**

**Our designated online safety committee member is Elizabeth Hurford**

**A full copy of the Online Safety and acceptable use of mobile phones, cameras and social networking sites policy for St Marychurch Pre-school is available on the setting's website at [stmarychurchpreschool.co.uk](http://stmarychurchpreschool.co.uk)**

**This statement to be reviewed and signed annually.**

**Chairperson.....**

**Signed.....**

**Date reviewed.....**

*We aim to provide a safe, stimulating, caring, happy Pre-school where all children and their families are welcome. We provide a curriculum based on the Early Years Foundation Stage using individual children's interest and needs.*