



Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: E-Safety Provision at Saltergate Schools

At Saltergate Schools, the safety and wellbeing of our pupils—both offline and online—is one of our highest priorities. As part of our commitment to safeguarding, we want to inform you about the provision in place to educate and protect your child in the digital world, as well as the roles of key staff in supporting this area.

Our E-Safety Approach

In today's increasingly connected world, children are exposed to the internet at an earlier age and across a range of devices. While this opens exciting opportunities for learning, it also presents risks. At Saltergate Schools, we address e-safety as part of our **whole-school safeguarding strategy**, embedded across the curriculum, within assemblies, as part of specific theme days and in day-to-day school life.

Through both our **PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic education)** and **Computing curriculum**, pupils are taught how to:

- Use technology safely, respectfully, and responsibly
- Protect their personal information online
- Recognise acceptable and unacceptable online behaviour
- Know where to go for help if they encounter anything upsetting or inappropriate

We use age-appropriate lessons, resources, and discussions to ensure pupils understand the importance of e-safety in a way that is meaningful and relevant to their stage of development.

Roles of the PSHE and Computing Subject Leaders

- **PSHE Subject Leader:** Oversees how e-safety is taught through the PSHE curriculum. This includes helping children develop critical thinking skills, emotional literacy, and understanding of digital wellbeing—such as managing screen time and online relationships.
- **Computing Subject Leader:** Ensures that online safety is explicitly taught through the Computing curriculum in line with national guidance. This includes areas such as cyberbullying, secure passwords, digital footprints, and responsible internet use.

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Whole-School E-Safety Group

To further strengthen our approach, we have an **E-Safety Group** made up of the **Computing Lead, PSHE Lead, E-Safety Governor, Headteacher, and Assistant Headteacher**. This team meets regularly to:

- Review and update e-safety policies
- Monitor how e-safety education is delivered across the school
- Respond to any emerging issues or online trends
- Ensure the school remains in line with statutory requirements and best practices

Their work ensures that Saltergate Schools' approach to online safety is not only consistent but also continually evolving in response to the changing digital landscape.

Key Dates in the E-Safety Calendar

To reinforce our teaching and raise awareness across the school community, we actively participate in national events, including:

- **Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 10 February 2026**

A global awareness day promoting safe, responsible, and positive use of digital technology, particularly among children and young people. The theme for the day is 'Smart tech, safe choices- Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'.

- **Anti-Bullying Week – Monday 10 to Friday 14 November 2025**

A focus on online bullying and strategies to deal with harmful behaviours online. The theme for the week was 'Power for good'.

Working in Partnership with Parents

We believe that keeping children safe online is a shared responsibility. We will continue to offer support and guidance to families through regular e-safety updates, and practical advice on managing digital life at home.

To that end, please view our ESafety policy and acceptable use policy on our website.

If you ever have concerns about your child's online activity or would like advice on how to support safe and responsible technology use, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our pupils safe, confident, and responsible digital citizens.

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