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ICT and e-Safety Policy

Aim: To promote children's use of ICT as a tool for learning, develop the necessary skills to achieve this and also to develop their understanding of its everyday use.

To achieve this, we will aim to:

- Use ICT appropriately throughout the setting
- Enable and encourage children to investigate and identify the uses of technology that surrounds them in their everyday lives
- Enable and encourage children to use a range of ICT equipment such as computers and programmable toys to support their learning and communication
- Integrate technology into role play to reflect the world around us
- Encourage children to work co-operatively, share knowledge, skills and enjoyment, and to communicate with each other.
- Provide children with a wide range of familiar resources which are intuitive and accessible to develop their technological understanding.
- Encourage children to independently and confidently access resources, computers and programmable toys to support and enhance their learning and play.
- help staff to increase their confidence and enthusiasm in their own use of ICT to be able to adequately support children's learning

e- Safety

In line with our safeguarding policy, adults have a duty to protect children whilst using the internet. To achieve this, the school has the following arrangements in place:-

e -safety

Children only use the internet under adult supervision and use sites that staff have deemed as suitable for young children.

Social sites are not permitted to be used within the school by staff or children.

Sites such as Youtube may occasionally be used by staff to demonstrate something to the children. Children will NOT have access to such sites.

Webcams on equipment are kept covered at all times.

Pictures, photographs or details of children will never be used on the internet unless for purposes of the schools official website when this will be done only with the express written permission of the parent or carer.

A range of ICT equipment can be used to record individual children's progress and achievements. This information can be used to communicate with parents.

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Internet/ICT in accordance to the above Policy