

Online Safety

Link to Every Child Matters: Feeling Safe Links to Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: 3.4-3.7

Funny Bunnie's is aware of the growth of internet use and the advantages this can bring. However, it is also aware of the dangers and strives to support children, staff and families in using the internet safely.

Keeping Children Safe in Education states "The breadth of issues classified within online safety is considerable, but can be categorised into three areas of risk: content: being exposed to illegal, inappropriate or harmful material; contact: being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users; and conduct: personal online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes, harm" Our Designated Safeguarding person is ultimately responsible for online safety concerns. All concerns need to be raised as soon as possible to Karen Gill Within the preschool we aim to keep children (and staff) safe online by:

- Ensuring we have appropriate antivirus and anti-spyware software on all devices and updating them regularly
- Ensuring content blockers and filters are on all our devices, e.g. computers, laptops and I pads.
- Keeping passwords safe and secure, not sharing or writing these down.
- Ensure management monitors all internet activities in the setting Locking away all pre-school devices at the end of the day.
- No social media or messaging apps can be installed on preschool devices due to the security measures in place
- Management reviewing all apps or games downloaded to tablets to ensure all are age appropriate for children and safeguard the children and staff
- Using approved devices to record/photograph in the setting:
- Never email personal or financial information
- Reporting emails with inappropriate content to the internet watch foundation (IWF www.iwf.org.uk)
- Ensuring children are supervised when using internet devices
- Using tracking software to monitor the suitability of internet usage (for older children)
- Not permitting staff or visitors access to the nursery Wi-Fi Integrating online safety into preschool daily practice by discussing computer usage 'rules' deciding together what is safe and what is not safe to do online
- Talking to children about 'stranger danger' and deciding who is a stranger and who is not, comparing people in real-life situations to online 'friends'
- Provide training for staff regularly about the importance of online safety and understanding how to keep children safe online.
- We abide by an acceptable use policy; ensuring staff only use the work IT equipment for matters relating to the children and their education and care.
- No personal use will be tolerated on laptops.
- If a second-hand computer is purchased or donated to the preschool the designated person will ensure that no inappropriate material is stored on it before children use it.

Internet Access, Children do not have access to the internet and never have unsupervised access.

The designated person has overall responsibility for ensuring that children and young people are safeguarded and risk assessments in relation to online safety are completed. Children are taught the following stay safe principles in an age-appropriate way prior to using the internet;

- Only go online with a grown-up
- Be kind online
- Keep information about me safely
- Only press buttons on the internet to things I understand
- Tell a grown-up if something makes me unhappy on the internet
- Children aren't allowed access to social networking sites.
- Staff report any suspicious or offensive material, including material which may incite racism, bullying or discrimination to the internet watch foundation at www.iwf.org.uk.
- Suspicious that an adult is attempting to make inappropriate contact with a child online is reported to the national crime Agency's Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre at www.ceop.police.uk.
- The designated person ensures staff have access to age-appropriate resources to enable them to assist children to use the internet safely. If staff become aware that a child is the victim of cyber-bullying, they discuss this with their parents and refer them to sources of help, such as the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000 or www.nspcc.org.uk, or Childline on 0800 111 or www.childline.org.uk.
- The designated person will seek to build children's reliance in relation to issues they may face in the online world and will address issues such as staying safe, having appropriate friendships, asking for help if unsure, and not keeping secrets as part of social and emotional development in age-appropriate ways.

Use of social networking :

We promote the safety and welfare of all staff and children and therefore ask parents and visitors not to post, publically or privately, information about any child on social media sites such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. We ask all parents and visitors to follow this policy to ensure that information about children, images and information do not fall into the wrong hands. We ask parents not to: Send friend requests to any member of staff. Screenshot or share any posts or pictures from the preschool on social media platforms (these may contain other children in the pictures) Post any photographs to social media that have been supplied by the preschool with other children in them (e.g. Christmas concert photographs or photographs from an activity at nursery) We ask parents to share any concerns regarding inappropriate use of social media through the official procedures..

Use and/or distribution of inappropriate images :

Staff are aware that it is an offence to distribute indecent images. In the event of a concern that a colleague or person is behaving inappropriately, the Safeguarding Children and Child Protection Policy, in relation to allegations against staff and/or responding to suspicions of abuse, is followed. Staff is aware that grooming children and young people online is an offence in its own right and concerns about a colleague's behaviour are reported.

The Designated Safeguarding Person will make sure that:

- All staff know how to report a problem and when to escalate a concern, including the process for external referral if they feel it is needed
- All concerns are logged, assessed and actioned upon using the Preschool's Safeguarding procedure.
- Parents are offered support to help them talk about online safety with their children using appropriate resources
- Parents are signposted to appropriate sources of support regarding online safety at home and are fully supported to understand how to report an online safety concern.

Staff, students and volunteers at Funny Bunnies Preschool are prohibited from being 'friends' with parents/ guardians of children who are currently attending Funny Bunnies Preschool. Staff and volunteers should familiarise themselves with the North Somerset Safeguarding Children Board 'Safeguarding yourself' guidance.

Failure to adhere to this could potentially lead to disciplinary action and referral to the Local Authority designated Officer for Allegations (LADO) at North Somerset Safeguarding Children Board. The LADO for North Somerset is:

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