

1.7 Internet Policy

1.1 The internet should be considered part of everyday life with children and young people seen to be at the forefront of this online generation. Knowledge and experience of information and communication technology (ICT) should be considered an essential skill. Developmentally appropriate access to computers and the internet in the early years will significantly contribute to children and young people's enjoyment of learning and development.

1.2 Children and young people will learn most effectively where they are to be given managed access to computers and control of their own learning experiences; however, such use will carry an element of risk. Early Years practitioners and their managers, alongside parents and carers, should consider it to be their duty to make children and young people aware of the potential risks associated with online technologies. This will empower them with the knowledge and skills to keep safe, without limiting their learning opportunities and experiences.

2.1 The internet policy will aim to outline safe and effective practice in the use of the internet. It will provide advice on acceptable use and effective control measures to enable children, young people and adults to use ICT resources in a safer online environment.

3.1 The internet policy will apply to all individuals who are to have access to and/or be users of work-related ICT systems. This will include children and young people, parents and carers, Early Years practitioners and their managers, volunteers, students, committee members, visitors, contractors and community users. This list is not to be considered exhaustive.

3.2 The internet policy will apply to internet access through any medium, for example, computers, mobile phones and Tablets.

4.1 The Designated Safeguarding Officer is to be responsible for online safety, and will manage the implementation of the internet policy

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* day to day responsibility for the online safety issues and as such will have a leading role in implementing, monitoring and reviewing the internet policy.

This policy was adopted by

Checkendon Pre-School

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On

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Date to be reviewed

_____ (date)

Signed on behalf of the provider

Name of signatory

Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner)

