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Safeguarding and ICT Policy Statement 2015/16

All school staff have a responsibility with regard to keeping young people safe online and to respond to e-safety incidents. The Headteacher will be the central contract point for all e-safety issues.

The school has an Acceptable Use Policy which is contained within the school prospectus. Parents/carers are asked to give their consent prior to their child being able to use the internet or e-mail.

If a pupil received an abusive e-mail they should report it to a member of staff as soon as possible. Responsibility for handling incidents involving children is taken by the ICT Co-ordinator in conjunction with the Headteacher. If staff or pupils discover unsuitable sites then the ICT Co-ordinator will report the URL (address) and contact to the ISP and local authority. The filtering system used in all maintained schools in Somerset contains a mechanism for automatically reporting any attempts to access illegal sites to the police.

Communication between children and adult staff will always take place within clear and explicit professional boundaries. Staff will only use equipment provided by the school to communicate with children and should not use social networking sites to communicate with learners.

The school will take very seriously any incident involving a member of staff. In all disciplinary instances the school will consult with County Human Resources.

Date approved by the Governing Body:

Signed: Chair of Governors

Review date: