



Baldwins Gate CE Primary School

Online Safety/ Cyber Bullying Policy - child friendly version

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The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

BALDWINS GATE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

At Baldwins Gate CE Primary school we follow our Christian message

Inspired by our Christian values we learn together to be the best we can be.

Through respect, tolerance, and kindness we learn that we are unique and valued and to celebrate the value and uniqueness of others.

*Love is patient, love is kind.
It always protects, always trusts, always perseveres.
Corinthians 13*

Baldwins Gate is a friendly, fair and respectful environment in which to learn and play.

We follow the school motto:

Everyone learning together in faith, truth and love

What is Online Safety?

Online Safety means electronic safety and it is important because it helps to keep you safe online so that you can learn, explore and have fun.

The internet is great because:

- You can find out lots of information
- It can help you with your school work
- You can keep in touch with your friends and family
- You can learn lots of things
- You can have lots of fun!

Why do we need an Online Safety Policy?

- We need this policy to keep you all safe on the internet when you are at school and at home.
- To teach you about what is appropriate and what isn't appropriate
- online.
- To advise you about what to do if something strange happens or if you are worried about something online.

Some online dangers include:

- Cyber-bullying – nasty messages and emails, name calling and swearing during video games.
- Stranger Danger – People who we don't know may try to speak to us online.
- Bad language – When we are online we can see or hear language that might upset us.
- Content online – some material online is not suitable for children to look at.
- Viruses – some emails can contain viruses that can harm your computer or device.

What should I do if I do not feel safe online, if I am worried or somebody is upsetting me?

- It is important to speak to a trusted adult straight away.
- Stay calm.
- Report anything that worries you.
- Ignore the person.
- Block and delete the person.
- Keep all messages for evidence.

What should I not do?

- Do not keep worries to yourself.
- Do not be unkind or nasty back.
- Do not allow the person to keep being unkind.
- Do not delete messages.

Who can we tell if we have worries about e-safety or Cyber-bullying?

All adults in school are here to keep you safe and you can speak to any adult in school if you are upset or worried and they will listen to you. You can also speak to a trusted adult at home. The most important thing to remember is to report anything that is strange online or makes you feel upset or worried to an adult.

What our school does to respond to e-safety issues?

- We take online safety seriously.
- We listen to the children involved and offer support.
- We investigate and look at evidence.
- We make sure there are consequences for actions.
- We contact parents or carers.

What does the school provide to keep us safe?

- The school maintains anti-virus software to keep viruses away
- The school maintains Internet filters to keep us from seeing inappropriate content
- The school keeps access to i-Pads and Laptops secure
- The school keeps our network and Wi-Fi access secure
- The school makes sure all staff have training to help keep children safe on the Internet
- The school provides a list of appropriate websites
- The school keeps searching safe on Google and other search engines

Our Internet Rules at Baldwins Gate:

- We ask permission before using the Internet
- We use websites our teachers have advised us to look at
- We only e-mail people our teachers have asked us to
- When we send e-mails they are polite and friendly
- We never give out our address or telephone numbers
- We never arrange to meet anyone we don't know
- We don't open e-mails from people we don't know
- We tell a teacher if we see anything that we are unhappy with

How should we act on the Internet?

S - Keep your personal information SAFE and SECURE.

M - Do not agree to meet anyone from the Internet; they may not be who you think they are.

A - Do not ACCEPT messages or e-mails from somebody you don't know.

R - Remember, do not always trust the information you find on the Internet; it may not be correct.

T - If something or someone upsets you on the Internet TELL a trusted adult in school or at home.