Greenfields Primary School

A copy of our Parent/Carer Home School e Safety Agreement.

- **I/we will support the school approach to online safety and not upload or add any text, image, sound or videos that could upset or offend any member of the school community, or bring the school name into disrepute.**

- **I/we will ensure that my/our online activity would not cause the school, staff, pupils or others distress or bring the school community into disrepute.**

- **I/we will support the school's policy and help prevent my/our child/children from signing up to services such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and You Tube whilst they are underage (13+ years in most cases)**

- **I/we will close online accounts if I/we/teachers find that these accounts are active for our underage children**

If you or your child are concerned about anything seen on line, for example in an email or any web content, please forward it to our Safer Internet email address:
sid@greenfields.herts.sch.uk
We will then alert the appropriate authorities.
If you have any further questions about this leaflet, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Evans or Mrs Cook.

LEARNING • ACHIEVING • SUCCEEDING

Keeping your child safe online

At Greenfields we regard the safety of our pupils as our first priority. We have looked for ways to ensure that, while children benefit from modern technology, any associated risks are minimised.

We have written this leaflet to share how we can all best keep your children safe while they are online.

This can be done most effectively when all staff, parents and children work together towards the same goals.

Here are some ideas of ways in which you may want to help your child 'Stay Safe' when online.

Encourage Conversation – Be Open

- Talk to your child about being safe online, it can be very difficult for a child to understand the risks of using the internet
- Set ground rules and with younger children agree which websites they can visit
- Agree time limits and regular breaks. Remember letting children play computer games before bed time may stop them sleeping which will impact on their learning the following day.
- Most importantly, make sure your child knows that they can talk to you and tell you about anything that happens online that makes them feel scared, worried or uncomfortable.

Install Parental Controls

- Make sure you read any parental guidance and safety recommendations, including age requirements. Most popular social networking sites and apps are only for users aged 13+.
- Find out how to set the parental controls and safe search. Your Internet Service Provider (ISP) will be able to give you advice on what parental controls they offer.
- Say **NO** to your child playing a game that has an age rating of 18 years or above.
- Say **NO** to your child accessing social media (Facebook, Instagram, Ask.fm). These sites are for children aged 13 years or older.

Let your child teach you

- Spend 30 minutes watching your child online – children love being the teacher! Let them show you how they access social media, how they post messages, what games and apps they like to use or how they visit a website.
- This will encourage them to show you what websites they use, what games they play. This should make having a conversation much easier with children about important safety features, using privacy settings and reporting concerns.

Please remind your children of our Smile and Stay Safe Code:

and stay safe

Staying safe means keeping your personal details private, such as full name, phone number, home address, photos or school. Never reply to ASL (age, sex, location).

Meeting up with someone you have met online can be dangerous. Only meet up if you have first told your parent or carer and they can be with you.

Information online can be untrue, biased or just inaccurate. Someone online my not be telling the truth about who they are - they may not be a 'friend'.

Let a parent, carer, teacher or trusted adult know if you ever feel worried, uncomfortable or frightened about something online or someone you have met or who has contacted you online.

Emails, downloads, IM messages, photos and anything from someone you do not know or trust may contain a virus or unpleasant message. So do not open or reply.