St Agatha's Catholic Primary School
Learning Together in God's Love

Keeping You Safe Online
Our Child Friendly E-safety Policy

At St Agatha's it is every adult's job to make sure you are safe, happy and healthy. All the adults know that this is an important job that has to be done well, and we all agree to work in the right way to help you.

It is as important to keep you safe online as it is in the real world. We will teach you how to recognise risks in different situations and how to protect yourself and stay safe online. We will talk and listen to you if you have worries or problems.

What do e-safety and online safety mean?

E-Safety means electronic safety. It helps you to stay safe when you are using the internet, your computer, gaming system, tablet or mobile phone including apps. E-Safety is important because it helps to keep children safe so you can enjoy, explore and have fun!

Why do we need an E-Safety Policy?

- To keep children safe on the internet in school and at home
- To give children advice about what is appropriate content
- So that children know what to do when something strange happens or they are worried

The internet and mobile technology are great because:

- You can learn lots of things
- You can have lots of fun
- It can help with our school work
- You can stay in touch with friends and family

What are the dangers online?

- Cyber Bullying: nasty text messages and emails, swearing on x-boxes
- Stranger Danger: some people, who we talk to online, we don't know, so they are strangers. They may pretend to be someone they are not.
- Bad Language: sometimes when we are online, we can see or hear swear words that might upset us.
- Online Content: some things online are not suitable for children to look at. They might make you feel worried, frightened or a bit funny.
- Viruses: some emails and websites can contain viruses which will break your devices.

If people online are mean or worry me what should I do?

- Tell an adult you trust straight away
- Try to stay calm
- Report anything that worries you
- Try to ignore the person
- Block and delete the person
- Keep all messages for evidence

What should I not do?

- Do not keep worries to yourselves
- Do not be unkind or nasty back
- Do not get angry or upset
- Do not allow the person to keep being unkind
- Do not delete messages

Who can I tell if I have worries about e-safety or cyber bullying?

If you need to talk, we will listen! You can talk to an adult in school and we will help you.

- You can write a note and put it in our class prayer / worry box
- You can tell a friend and ask them to come and tell an adult with you
- You can take a special leaflet from our display
- We have some special teachers who have the big job of keeping you safe. You can talk to any of them, too. They are:

Mrs Cahill   Mrs Hubbard   Mrs Laws   Miss Lennon

What our school does to help with e-safety problems?

- We take online safety seriously, even if the problems are at home
- We listen to the children involved and offer support
- We investigate and look at evidence
- We make sure children face up to the consequences of their actions
- We contact parents or carers

What does the school do to keep us safe?

- St Agatha's has special anti-virus software to keep viruses away
- St Agatha's has internet filters to keep us from seeing inappropriate content
- St Agatha's keeps access to i-pads and laptops secure
- St Agatha's keeps our network and Wi-Fi access secure
- St Agatha's makes sure all staff have training to help keep children safe on the internet
- St Agatha's keeps searching safe on Google and other search engines
- St Agatha's sends our parents information about apps and other things that might not be suitable for us to use at home
- St Agatha's teaches us how to stay safe online. In Reception and KS1, we learn from *Hector's World*. In KS2 we learn from *Be Internet Legends.*

Our Internet Rules

- We ask permission before using the internet
- We only use website our teachers have asked us to look at or have checked
- We only email people our teachers have asked us to
- When we send emails, they are polite and friendly
- We never give out our address, telephone numbers or personal information
- We never arrange to meet any one we don't know
- We don't open emails 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?

STAY SMART!