



The KidsVentures Wraparound Care & Camps

Safe Internet Use

KidsVentures recognises that the internet is a useful resource for both staff and children, for purposes of research, homework and entertainment. However, it must be used with care to ensure that children are kept safe from exposure to harmful material, in accordance with the EYFS safeguarding and welfare requirements and the Prevent Duty.

Parental permission

Children will only be allowed to access the internet at the Club if their parent or carer has given written permission.

Guidelines for children

A printed copy of the **SMART** guidelines are kept next to the computer. The guidelines are explained to any children wishing to access the internet:

- **Safe:** Keep safe by not giving out personal information – such as name, email, phone number, address, or school name – to people who you don't trust online.
- **Meeting:** Never agree to meet anyone you have only met online unless your parent or carer is with you.
- **Accepting:** Do not accept emails or instant messages, or open files, images or texts from people you don't know. They can contain viruses or nasty messages.
- **Reliable:** Not all the information found on the Internet is reliable and people you meet online won't always be telling the truth.
- **Tell:** Tell a member of staff or your parents if someone or something you encounter online makes you feel uncomfortable.

Protecting children

KidsVentures is committed to promoting safe and responsible use of technology and protecting children from online harm whilst using Club devices and internet services.

We have put in place the following safeguards to help keep children safe whilst accessing the internet on the Club's computers and devices:

- An online safety risk assessment has been undertaken
- Parental controls and safe filtering systems are activated on devices accessible to children, including:
 - Google SafeSearch Filtering
 - YouTube Restricted Mode
- Filtering and monitoring systems are used to reduce the risk of children accessing unsuitable or harmful content
- Computers and devices are positioned so screens can be easily supervised by staff
- Children are supervised appropriately when using the internet or digital devices
- Internet access is age-appropriate and monitored
- Staff evaluate websites, apps, games, and online resources before use with children
- Children are directed towards age-appropriate educational and recreational content
- Browser histories are checked regularly to monitor internet usage
- Devices are protected using up-to-date antivirus software, firewalls, passwords, and other appropriate security measures
- Downloads and installations are restricted to authorised staff members only
- Children are encouraged to develop safe and responsible online behaviour and are reminded not to share personal information online
- Staff understand that filtering systems alone are not sufficient and that active supervision is essential
- Staff receive appropriate safeguarding and online safety guidance and training
- Online safety concerns or incidents are managed in line with the KidsVentures Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

KidsVentures recognises that technology and online risks continue to evolve. We therefore review our online safety arrangements regularly to help ensure children remain safe whilst using digital technology within our setting.

If, despite the safeguards the Club has put in place, a child encounters harmful material on the internet, or receives inappropriate messages, or experiences online bullying, whilst using the Club's computers, the manager will be informed, and the incident will be noted on an **Incident Record** in the child's file. The child's parent will be asked to sign the **Incident Record**. The manager will investigate how to prevent a reoccurrence of the incident.

If staff at the Club become aware that a child is deliberately attempting to access sites containing sexual, extremist or otherwise inappropriate material, or has been shown such material by a third party, they will complete a **Logging a concern** form and refer the matter to the Club's designated Child Protection Officer in accordance with our **Safeguarding Children Policy**.

Related policies

See also: **Safeguarding Children Policy, Social Media Policy, Mobile Phones policy**

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