eSafety Policy

At Wood St Nursery, we actively minimise screen time. Children do not have routine accessed to devices. While we are aware of the benefits of safe and suitable internet /online /screen time can bring, but also the potential vulnerability of children and adults using the internet. We strive to support children, staff and families in using the internet safely.

According to the World Health Organization and many child development experts, children under the age of 2 should have no screen time at all, while children between 2 and 4 years old should be limited to a maximum of one hour of screen time per day.

In response to this we

Keeping Children Safe in Education states *"The breadth of issues classified within online safety is considerable and ever evolving, but can be categorised into four areas of risk:*

- *Content: being exposed to illegal, inappropriate or harmful content;*
- *Contact: being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users;*
- *Conduct: personal online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes, harm"*
- *Commerce: risks such as online gambling, inappropriate advertising, phishing and or financial scams*

Within the nursery, we aim to keep children and staff safe online by:
- Ensuring we have appropriate antivirus and anti-spyware software on all devices and update them regularly
- Ensuring content blockers and internet filters are on all our devices, e.g. computers, laptops and any mobile devices
- Keeping passwords safe and secure, not sharing or writing these down. These will be changed regularly to keep the devices secure
- Ensure management monitor all internet activities in the setting
- Locking away all nursery devices at the end of the day
- Ensuring no social media or messaging apps are installed on nursery devices
- Management reviewing all apps or games downloaded to tablets to ensure all are age appropriate for children and safeguard the children and staff
- Using approved devices to record/photograph in the setting
- Reporting emails with inappropriate content to the internet watch foundation (IWF www.iwf.org.uk)
- Ensuring children are supervised when using internet devices
- Not permitting staff or visitors access to the nursery Wi-Fi on non-nursery devices
- Children's screen time is absolutely minimal and always alongside an adult.
- Integrating online safety into nursery daily practice by discussing computer use 'rules' deciding together what is safe and what is not safe to do online
- Talking to children about 'stranger danger' and deciding who is a stranger and who is not, comparing people in real life situations to online 'friends'
- We abide by an acceptable use policy, ensuring staff only use the work IT equipment for matters relating to the children and their education and care. No personal use will be tolerated.

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