



## Ashmount Primary School

### Remote Learning Online Safety Policy

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**This policy is part of the School's Statutory Safeguarding Policy. Any issues and concerns with online safety must follow the school's safeguarding and child protection processes.**

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#### **1. Context**

**In response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the UK government asked parents to keep their children at home wherever possible. Following our return to school there may at times be children who still have to self-isolate. At school we still have a duty to offer learning to these children but also ensure they are safe online whilst at home.**

The key principles of our existing Safeguarding and Child Protection policy still apply as follows;

- with regard to safeguarding, the best interests of children must always continue to come first
- a DSL or deputy will be available at all times the school is open
- if anyone in a school or college has a safeguarding concern about any child, they should continue to act immediately and inform the DSL/deputy DSL
- unsuitable people will not be allowed to enter our workforce and/or gain access to children
- children will continue to be protected when they are online

#### **2. Online safety in schools and colleges**

Ashmount will continue to provide a safe environment for all our pupils, including online. This includes the use of an online filtering system. Where students are using computers in school, appropriate supervision will be in place.



### 3. Children and online safety away from school and college

It is important that all staff who interact with children, including online, continue to look out for signs a child may be at risk of harm or neglect. Any such concerns should be dealt with in line with our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and, where appropriate, referrals should still be made to children's social care and if required, the police.

Online teaching should follow the same principles as set out in the school's code of conduct.

We will ensure any use of online learning tools and systems is in line with privacy and data protection/GDPR requirements. All staff are made aware of the following considerations when delivering virtual lessons, especially where webcams are involved:

- 1:1s may take place but will always be recoded on Google Classroom
- Teaching to take place within normal school hours
- Staff and children must wear suitable clothing, as should anyone else in the household.
- Any computers used should be in appropriate areas, for example, not in bedrooms; and the background should be blurred.
- Live classes should be recorded so that if any issues were to arise, the video can be reviewed.
- Live classes should be kept to a reasonable length of time, or the streaming may prevent the family 'getting on' with their day.
- Language must be professional and appropriate, including any family members in the background.
- Staff must only use platforms provided by Ashmount to communicate with pupils
- Staff should record, the length, time, date and attendance of any sessions held.