

Policy to supporting children online.



Little Scallywags recognises the importance of supporting children online. We are aware that during the break of COVID-19, children may have become more familiar with being online and are therefore more vulnerable to potential risks.

Staff at nursery play an essential role in helping children learn the foundations and safe online behaviour. Little Scallywags will continue to embed E-Safety within the setting, as well as share useful information to parents and children who have not yet returned to nursery.

E-safety is embedded in everyday practice – for example, staff: -

- Supervise children when using the internet at nursery
- Check privacy settings to make sure personal data is not being shared inadvertently or inappropriately.
- Ensure safety modes and filters are applied.
- Role model positive online behaviour on nursery computers and tablets and regularly talk to children about how to keep safe online.
- Use Group time as an opportunity to discuss the importance of staying safe as well as age appropriate activities and characters such as 'Smartie the Penguin' and 'Digi-duck'
- Check apps, websites and search results before using them with children
- Discuss the use of computers during inductions to inform parents of how technology is used in the setting- and how online safety is promoted.
- Share information with parents **on a regular basis** through Tapestry, nursery social media and nursery displays. Parents are invited to E- safety workshops held by nursery throughout the year.

Managers refer to Little Scallywags 'Online academic calendar' documenting important resources and events based around E- safety. This is shared to parents through Tapestry and nursery newsletters.

If staff have a concern about a child not being safe online, either at home or in the setting, they must report it to their DSL immediately.