

High Spen Primary School



Online Safety Policy Statement

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March 2026

This policy should be read alongside High Spen Primary School's policies and procedures on child protection and safeguarding – available at www.highspenprimary.org

The purpose of this policy statement

High Spen Primary School works with children and families as part of its activities.

The purpose of this policy statement is to:

- ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and young people is paramount when adults, young people or children are using the internet, social media or mobile devices
- provide staff and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to online safety
- ensure that, we operate in line with our values and within the law in terms of how we use online devices.

The policy statement applies to all staff, volunteers, children and young people and anyone involved in High Spen Primary School's activities.

Legal framework

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to protect children in England.

Summaries of the key legislation and guidance are available on:

- [online abuse](#)
- [bullying](#)
- [child protection](#).

We believe that:

- children and young people should never experience abuse of any kind
- children should be able to use the internet for education and personal development, but safeguards need to be in place to ensure they are kept safe at all times.

We recognise that:

- the online world provides many opportunities; however it can also present risks and challenges
- we have a duty to ensure that all children, young people and adults involved in our school are protected from harm online
- we have a responsibility to help keep children and young people safe online, whether or not they are using High Spens' network and devices
- working in partnership with children, parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare and in helping young people to be responsible in their approach to online safety
- all children, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse.

We will seek to keep children and young people safe by:

- appointing an online safety coordinator
- providing clear guidance to staff and volunteers
- supporting and encouraging pupils to use the internet, social media and mobile phones safely and respectfully
- supporting and encouraging parents and carers to help keep children safe online
- having clear procedures for responding to online safety incidents
- ensuring information systems are secure
- ensuring images of children are only used with written consent
- providing training and supervision for staff and volunteers

If online abuse occurs, we will respond to it by:

- following safeguarding procedures
- supporting those affected
- reviewing incidents to prevent recurrence

Related policies and procedures include:

This policy statement should be read alongside our policies and procedures, including:

- child protection
- anti-bullying policy
- code of conduct
- photography and image sharing guidance

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