

# Preston Grange Primary School Acceptable Use Policy



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## Early Years and Key Stage 1 (3-7)

### Statements

- I only use the internet when an adult is with me
- I only click on links and buttons online when I know what they do
- I keep my personal information and passwords safe online
- I only send messages online which are polite and friendly
- I know the school can see what I am doing online
- I will keep information safe about me online when using the ipads and computers in school
- I know that if I do not follow the rules then I will not be allowed to go online on school computers in school
- I have read and talked about these rules with my parents/carers
- I always tell an adult/teacher if something online makes me feel unhappy or worried
- I can visit [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) to learn more about keeping safe online

### Shortened version (displayed on posters around school)

- I only go online with a grown up
- I am kind online
- I keep information about me safe online
- I tell a grown up if something online makes me unhappy or worried

Early Years and KS1 Acceptable Use Poster



## Key Stage 2 (7-11)

### Statements:

#### Safe

- I only send messages which are polite and friendly
- I will only post pictures or videos on the internet if they are appropriate and if I have permission
- I only talk with and open messages from people I know and I only click on links if I know they are safe I know that people I meet online may not always be who they say they are. If someone online suggests meeting up, I will immediately talk to an adult

#### Trust

- I know that not everything or everyone online is honest or truthful and will check content on other sources like other websites, books or with a trusted adult
- I always credit the person or source that created any work, image or text I use

#### Responsible

- I will behave responsibly and appropriately when using the school ipads and laptops in school
- I always ask permission from an adult before using the internet
- I only use websites and search engines that my teacher has chosen
- I use school computers for school work, unless I have permission otherwise
- I accept that my teacher will be collect in my own personal mobile phone or device when I come into school and I will get it back at the end of the school day
- I agree not to use my mobile device whilst in school at any time, other than when my teacher gives me permission to
- I keep my personal information safe and private online
- I will keep my passwords safe and not share them with anyone
- I will not access or change other people's files or information
- I will only change the settings on the computer if a teacher/technician has allowed me to
- I know that being responsible means that I should not look for bad language, inappropriate images or violent or unsuitable games, and that if I accidentally

come across any of these I should report it to a teacher or adult in school or a parent or carer at home.

#### Understand

- I understand that the school's internet filter is there to protect me, and I will not try to bypass it.
- I know that my use of school devices/computers and internet access will be monitored
- I have read and talked about these rules with my parents/carers
- I can visit [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) and [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk) to learn more about keeping safe online
- I know that I will be able to use the internet in school, for a variety of reasons, if I use it responsibly. However, I understand that if I do not, I may not be allowed to use the internet at school.

#### Tell

- If I am aware of anyone being unsafe with technology then I will report it to a teacher
- I always talk to an adult if I'm not sure about something or if something happens online that makes me feel worried or frightened
- If I see anything online that I shouldn't or that makes me feel worried or upset then I will minimise the page and tell an adult straight away

#### In addition:

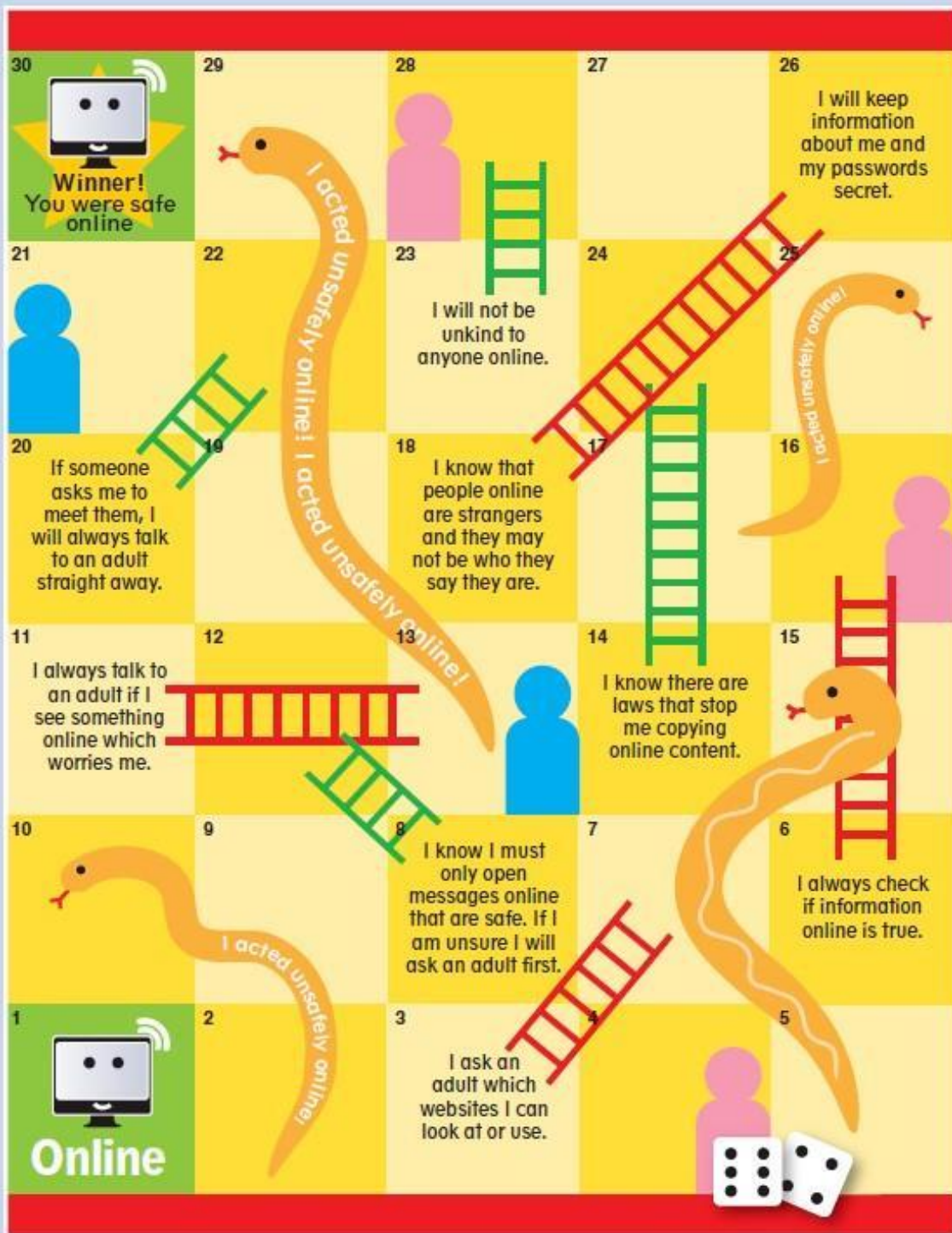
- I will treat my password like my toothbrush! This means I will not share it with anyone (even my best friend), and I will log off when I have finished using the computer or device.
- I will protect myself by never telling anyone I meet online my address, my telephone number, my school's name or by sending a picture of myself without permission from a teacher or other adult.
- I will never arrange to meet anyone I have met online alone in person without talking to a trusted adult.
- If I get unpleasant, rude or bullying emails or messages I will report them to a teacher or other adult. I will not delete them straight away, but instead, keep them so I can show them to the person I am reporting it to.
- I will always be myself and not pretend to be anyone or anything I am not. I know that posting anonymous messages or pretending to be someone else is not allowed.

- I will always check before I download software or data from the internet. I know that information on the internet may not be reliable and it sometimes needs checking.
- If I bring in memory sticks from outside of school I will always give them to my teacher so they can be checked for viruses and content, before opening a file.
- I will be polite and sensible when I message people online and I know that sending a message is the same as having a conversation with someone. I will not be rude or hurt someone's feelings online.
- I know that I am not allowed on personal e-mail, social networking sites or instant messaging in school.
- If, for any reason, I need to bring my mobile phone into school I know that it is to be handed in and then collected at the end of the school day.
- I will tell a teacher or other adult if someone online makes me feel uncomfortable or worried when I am online using games or other websites or apps.

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- I ask an adult which websites I can use
- I will not assume information online is true
- I know there are laws that stop me copying online content
- I know I must only open online messages that are safe and if I'm unsure then I won't open it without speaking to an adult first
- I know that people online are strangers and they may not always be who they say they are
- If someone online suggests meeting up then I will always talk to an adult straight away
- I will not use technology to be unkind to people
- I will keep information about me and my passwords private
- I always talk to an adult if I see something which makes me feel worried

KS2 Acceptable Use Poster



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## Letter for Pupils

Dear Pupils,

All pupils at our school use computer facilities including internet access as an essential part of learning and fun in today's modern British Society. You will have the opportunity to access a wide range of information and communication technology (ICT) resources. This includes access to:

- Computers, laptops, iPads and other digital devices
- Internet which may include search engines, social media and educational websites
- Emails
- Digital cameras, web cams and video cameras

At Preston Grange Primary School we recognise the essential and important contribution that technology plays in promoting your learning and development, both at school and at home. However we also recognise there are potential risks involved when using online technology. The school will take all reasonable precautions to ensure that you are as safe as possible when using school equipment and will work together with you and your family to help you stay safe online.

At Preston Grange Primary School we want to ensure that all members of our community are safe and responsible users of technology. We will support you to:

- Become empowered and responsible digital creators and users
- Use our school resources and technology safely, carefully and responsibly
- Be kind online and help us to create a school community that is respectful and caring, on and offline
- Be safe and be sensible online and always know that you can talk to a trusted adult if you need help

We request that you and your family read the school Acceptable Use Policy and return the attached slip. Should you have any worries about online safety then you can speak with your class teacher. You can also access support through the school by speaking to their teacher and via other websites such as [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) and [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

We look forward to helping you become a positive and responsible digital citizen.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs T Taylor (Headteacher)



## Pupil Acceptable Use Policy Agreement Form

### Preston Grange Primary School Pupil Acceptable Use Policy - Pupil Response

I, with my parents/carers, have read and understood the pupil Acceptable Use Policy (AUP). I agree to follow the pupil AUP when:

- I use school systems and devices, both on and offsite
- I only use my own personal device in school, when given permission by my teacher.
- I use my own equipment out of the school, in a way that is related to me being a member of the school community, including communicating with other members of the school, accessing school email, learning platform or website.

Name..... Signed.....

Class..... Date.....

Parents Name.....

Parents Signature.....

Date.....

# Letter for Parents and Carers



Dear Parent/Carer,

All pupils at Preston Grange Primary school use computer facilities and internet access, as an essential part of learning as required by the National Curriculum. Your child will have the opportunity to access a wide range of information and communication technology (ICT) resources. This includes access to:

- Computers, laptops, iPads and other digital devices
- Internet which may include search engines, social media and educational websites
- Emails
- Digital cameras, web cams and video cameras

Preston Grange Primary School recognises the essential and important contribution that technology plays in promoting children's learning and development, believe it and offers a fantastic range of positive activities and experiences. We do recognise however that this can bring risks. We take your child's online safety seriously and, as such, will take all reasonable precautions, including monitoring and filtering systems, to ensure that pupils are safe when they use our internet and systems. This includes: appropriate staff supervision whilst children are using ICT, there is no unsupervised use of ICT. All year groups follow our Computing and E-safety curriculum, covering all aspects of online safety.

We recognise however that no technical system can replace online safety education and believe that children themselves have an important role to play in developing responsible behaviour. In order to support the school in developing your child's knowledge and understanding about online safety, we request that you read the attached Acceptable Use Policy with your child, discuss the content with them and return the attached slip.

We understand that if your child is in Early Years or Key Stage One, they are too young to give informed consent on his/ her own; however, we feel it is good practice to involve them as much as possible in the decision making process, and believe a shared commitment is the most successful way to achieve this.

Hopefully, you will also find this Acceptable Use Policy provides you with an opportunity for conversations between you and your child about safe and appropriate use of the technology, both at school and at home.

We request that all parents support our approach to online safety by role modelling safe and positive online behaviour and by discussing online safety whenever children access technology at home. Parents can visit the school website's [www.prestongrangeprimary.co.uk](http://www.prestongrangeprimary.co.uk) for more information about our approach to online safety. Full details of the school's online safety policy are available on the school website [www.prestongrangeprimary.co.uk](http://www.prestongrangeprimary.co.uk) or on request. Parents/carers may also like to visit the following links for more information about keeping children safe online:

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)

[www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety)

[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact the school Designated Safeguarding Lead (Headteacher)

Yours sincerely,

Mrs T Taylor (Headteacher)



### **Parent/Carer Acceptable Use Policy Acknowledgement Form**

I, with my child, have read and discussed Preston Grange Primary School Pupil Acceptable Use Policy. I am aware that any internet and computer use using school equipment may be monitored for safety and security reasons to safeguard both my child and the school's systems. This monitoring will be proportionate and will take place in accordance with data protection, privacy and human rights legislation.

I, with my child, am aware of the importance of safe online behaviour and will not deliberately upload or add any images, video, sounds or text that could upset, threaten the safety of or offend any member of the school community.

I understand that the school will take every reasonable precaution, including monitoring and filtering systems, to ensure that young people will be safe when they use the internet and systems. I also understand that the school cannot ultimately be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed on the internet and using mobile technologies.

I understand that the school will contact me if they have concerns about any possible breaches of the Acceptable Use Policy or have any concerns about my child's safety.

I will inform the school or other relevant organisations if I have concerns over my child's or other members of the school communities' safety online.

I know that my child will receive online safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of technology and the internet – both in and out of school.

I will support the school's online safety approaches and will encourage my child to adopt safe use of the internet and digital technologies at home.

Child's Name.....

Signed..... Class..... Date.....

Parents Name.....Parents

Signature..... Date.....



## Parent/Carers Acceptable Use Policy

1. I have read and discussed Preston Grange Primary School's Acceptable Use Policy with my child.
2. I know that my child will receive online safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of technology and the internet, both in and out of school.
3. I am aware that any internet and computer use using school equipment may be monitored for safety and security reasons, in order to safeguard both my child and the school's systems. This monitoring will take place in accordance with data protection and human rights legislation.
4. I understand that the school will take every reasonable precaution, including monitoring and filtering systems, to ensure that young people will be safe when they use the internet and systems. I also understand that the school cannot ultimately be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed on the internet and using mobile technologies.
5. I understand that if the school has any concerns about my child's safety online, either at school or at home, then I will be contacted.
6. I understand that if my child does not abide by the school Acceptable Use Policy then sanctions will be applied in line with the school policies including behaviour, online safety and anti-bullying policy (as appropriate). If the school believes that my child has committed a criminal offence then the Police will be contacted.
7. I, together with my child, will support the school's approach to online safety and will not deliberately upload or add any images, video, sounds or text that could upset, threaten the safety of or offend any member of the school community.
8. I know that I can speak to the school Designated Safeguarding Lead (Headteacher, Mrs T Taylor) , my child's teacher or the headteacher if I have any concerns about online safety.
9. I will visit the school website [www.prestongrangeprimary.co.uk](http://www.prestongrangeprimary.co.uk) for more information about the school's approach to online safety as well as to access useful links to support both myself and my child in keeping safe online at home.
10. I will visit the following websites for more information about keeping my child(ren) safe online:
  - [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents),

- [www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety)
- [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)
- [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)
- [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)

11. I will support the school and my child by role modelling safe and positive online behaviour (such as sharing images, text and video responsibly) and by discussing online safety with them when they access technology at home.

**I have read, understood and agree to comply with the Preston Grange Primary School's Acceptable Use Policy.**

Child's Name..... Class.....

Parents Name.....Parents Signature.....

Date.....



## Letter for Staff

Dear staff member,

At Preston Grange Primary School we recognise that staff can be vulnerable to online risks. Social media can blur the definitions of personal and working lives; it is important that all members of staff at Preston Grange Primary School take precautions in order to protect themselves both professionally and personally online. With this in mind, we request that all members of staff:

- Are conscious of their own professional reputation and that of the school when online.
  - All members of staff are strongly advised in their own interests, to take steps to ensure that their personal information and content is not accessible to anybody who does not or should not have permission to access it.
  - Content shared online cannot be guaranteed to be "private" and could potentially be seen by unintended audiences. This can have consequences including civil, legal and disciplinary action being taken.
- Are aware that as professionals, we must ensure that the content we post online does not bring the school or our professional role into disrepute, and does not undermine professional confidence in our abilities.
  - The teaching standards state that as professionals we should be achieving the highest possible standards in our conduct, act with honesty and integrity and forge positive professional relationships.
- All Staff be careful when publishing any information, personal contact details, video or images online.
  - It is very important to be aware that sometimes content shared online, even in jest, can be misread, misinterpreted or taken out of context,



which can lead to complaints or allegations being made. Don't be afraid to be yourself online, but do so respectfully.

- Ensure that the privacy settings of the social media sites that you use are set appropriately and access to restricted
  - Ask yourself if you would feel comfortable about a current or prospective employer, colleague, child in your care or their parent/carer, viewing or sharing your content. If the answer is no, then consider if it should be posted online at all.
- Do not to accept pupils (past or present) or their parents/carers as “friends” on a personal account.
    - You may be giving them access to your personal information and allowing them to contact you inappropriately through unregulated channels. They may also be giving you access to their personal information and activities which could cause safeguarding concerns.
    - If you have a pre-existing relationship with a child or parent/carer that may compromise this or have any queries or concerns, please speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Headteacher, Mrs T Taylor)
  - Always use a work provided email address or phone number to contact children and parents – this is essential in order to protect yourself as well as the wider community.
  - If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing or online behaviour then please speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mrs T Taylor, Headteacher) If you are targeted online by a member of the community or are concerned about a colleague, then please speak to the headteacher and/or Chair of Governors.
    - If you are unhappy with the response you receive, or do not feel able to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead, headteacher or chair of governors then we request you follow our Whistleblowing procedure (on staff network)

Documents called “Cyberbullying: Supporting School Staff”, “Cyberbullying: advice for headteachers and school staff” and “Safer professional practise with technology” are available on the staff network to help you consider how to protect yourself online.

Please photocopy them if you want or download the documents directly from:

[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com),

[www.e-safety.org.uk](http://www.e-safety.org.uk)

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/preventing-and-tackling-bullying](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preventing-and-tackling-bullying)

[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

Additional advice and guidance for professionals is available locally through the Education Safeguarding Team or nationally through Professional Unions and/or the Professional Online Safety helpline [www.saferinternet.org.uk/about/helpline](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/about/helpline)

I would like to remind all staff of our Acceptable Use Policy and the importance of maintaining professional boundaries online. Failure to follow this guidance and the school staff code of conduct could lead to disciplinary action; it is crucial that all staff understand how to protect themselves online.

Please speak to your line manager, the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mrs T Taylor, Headteacher) or myself if you have any queries or concerns regarding this.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs T Taylor (Headteacher)



## **Staff Acceptable Use Policy**

As a professional organisation with responsibility for safeguarding it is important that staff take all possible and necessary measures to protect data and information systems from

infection, unauthorised access, damage, loss, abuse and theft. All members of staff have a responsibility to use the school's computer system in a professional, lawful, and ethical manner. To ensure that members of staff are fully aware of their professional responsibilities when using technology, they are asked to read and sign this Acceptable Use Policy.

This is not an exhaustive list; all members of staff are reminded that IT use should be consistent with the school ethos, school policies, national/local guidance and expectations, and the Law.

I understand that Information Systems and IT include networks, data and data storage, online and offline communication technologies and access devices.

Examples include laptops, mobile phones, tablets, digital cameras, email and social media sites.

- School owned information systems must be used appropriately. I understand that the Computer Misuse Act 1990 makes the following criminal offences: to gain unauthorised access to computer material; to gain unauthorised access to computer material with intent to commit or facilitate commission of further offences or to modify computer material without authorisation.
- I understand that any hardware and software provided by my workplace for staff use can only be used by members of staff and only for educational use. To prevent unauthorised access to systems or personal data, I will not leave any information system unattended without first logging out or locking my login as appropriate. I will protect the devices in my care from unapproved access or theft.

- I will respect system security and I will not disclose any password or security information. I will use a 'strong' password; a strong password has numbers, letters and symbols, with 8 or more characters, does not contain a dictionary word and is only used on one system and is changed regularly (every term).
- I will not attempt to install any purchased or downloaded software, including browser toolbars, or hardware without permission from the system manager.
- I will ensure that any personal data of pupils, staff or parents/carers is kept in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.
  - This means that all personal data will be obtained and processed fairly and lawfully, only kept for specific purposes, held no longer than necessary and will be kept private and secure with appropriate security measures in place, whether used in the workplace, hosted online or accessed remotely.
  - Any data which is being removed from the school site (such as on memory sticks) will be encrypted by a method approved by the school
  - Any images or videos of pupils will only be used as stated in the school image use policy and will always take into account parental consent.
- I will not keep or access professional documents which contain school-related sensitive or personal information, including images, files, videos and emails, on any personal devices, such as laptops, digital cameras, and mobile phones.
- I will not store any personal information on the school computer system including any school laptop or similar device issued to members of staff that is unrelated to school activities, such as personal photographs, files or financial information.
- I will respect copyright and intellectual property rights.
- I have read and understood the school online safety policy which covers the requirements for safe IT use, including using appropriate devices, safe use of social media websites and the supervision of pupils within the classroom and other working spaces.
- I will immediately report any illegal, inappropriate or harmful material or incidents I become aware of, to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mrs T Taylor, Headteacher) as soon as possible.
- I will not attempt to bypass any filtering and/or security systems put in place by the school. If I suspect a computer or system has been damaged or affected by a virus or other malware, or if I have lost any school related

documents or files, then I will report this to the Headteacher as soon as possible.

- My electronic communications with current or past pupils, parents/carers and other professionals will take place within clear and explicit professional boundaries, and will be transparent and open to scrutiny at all times. All communication will take place via school approved communication channels such as a school provided email address or telephone number, and not via personal devices or communication channels, such as personal email, social networking or mobile phones. Any pre-existing relationships or situations that may compromise this will be discussed with the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mrs T Taylor, Headteacher).
- I will ensure that my online reputation and use of IT and information systems are compatible with my professional role, whether using school or personal systems. This includes the use of email, text, social media, social networking, gaming and any other devices or websites.
- I will take appropriate steps to protect myself online as outlined in the Online Safety/Social Networking policy (see staff network) and will ensure that my use of IT and the internet will not undermine my professional role, interfere with my work duties and will be in accordance with the school staff code of conduct and the Law.
- I will not create, transmit, display, publish or forward any material online that is likely to harass, cause offence, inconvenience or needless anxiety to any other person, or anything which could bring my professional role, the school, or the LA, into disrepute.
- I will promote online safety with the pupils in my care and will help them to develop a responsible attitude to safety online, system use and to the content they access or create.
- If I have any queries or questions regarding safe and professional practice online either in school or off site, then I will raise them with the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mrs T Taylor, Headteacher).
- I understand that my use of the school information systems, including any devices provided by the school, school internet and school email may be monitored and recorded to ensure the safety of children and staff and to ensure policy compliance. This monitoring will be proportionate and will take place in accordance with data protection, privacy and human rights legislation.
- I understand that the school may exercise its right to monitor the use of information systems, including internet access and the interception of emails,

in order to monitor policy compliance. Where it believes unauthorised and/or inappropriate use or unacceptable or inappropriate behaviour may be taking place, the school may invoke its disciplinary procedures. If the school suspects criminal offences have occurred, the matter will be brought to the attention of the relevant law enforcement organisation.

**I have read, understood and agree to comply with Preston Grange Primary school Staff Acceptable Use Policy**

Name: ..... Signed: ..... Date: .....

Accepted by: ..... Date: .....

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