



ENEMY OF BOREDOM

# ONLINE SAFETY POLICY



Approved by

Headteacher



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## Aims

Enemy of Boredom works with children and families as part of its provision. These include: A place for young people to feel comfortable while learning together and learning from each other, in a safe online environment with the support of their in-house tutor or online tutor.

### At EOB we:

1. Ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and young people is paramount when using the internet or mobile devices during their studies
2. Provide staff with the overarching principles that guide our approach to online safety
3. Ensure that, as an organisation, 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, students, young people, and anyone involved in Enemy of Boredoms' activities.



## WE BELIEVE THAT:

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 everyone with 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 organisation are protected from potential harm online
- We have a responsibility to help keep children and young people safe online, whether or not they are using Enemy of Boredom's network and devices
- Working in partnership with children, young people, their 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:

1. Ensuring safety is monitored by the tutor responsible for the cohort.
2. Providing clear and specific directions to staff and students on how to behave online through our behaviour policy
3. Supporting and encouraging the young people using our service to use the internet, in a way that keeps them safe and shows respect for others
4. Supporting and encouraging parents and carers to do what they can to keep their children safe online
5. Developing an online safety agreement for use with young people and their parents or carers
6. Developing clear and robust procedures to enable us to respond appropriately to any incidents of inappropriate online behaviour, whether by an adult or a child or young person
7. Record any online teaching session to safeguard the student and staff
8. Ensuring that usernames, logins, email accounts, and passwords are used effectively
9. Ensuring personal information about the adults and children who are involved in our organisation is held securely and shared only as appropriate
10. Ensuring that images of children, young people, and families are used only after their written permission has been obtained, and only for the purpose for which consent has been given, this would only be relevant when using images for promoting Enemy of Boredom as well as events Enemy of Boredom run such as holiday clubs.
11. Providing supervision, support, and training for staff about online safety
12. Examining and risk assessing any media platforms and new technologies before they are used within the organisation.
13. Setting out clear guidelines on our Discord server that students and carers or parents must adhere to, to create a safe learning platform.
14. Contacting a parent/carer if we see anything that isn't appropriate on a students search history during a lesson (even if it may have taken place out of EOB time)



## IF ONLINE ABUSE OCCURS, WE WILL RESPOND TO IT BY:

1. Providing support and training for all staff on dealing with all forms of abuse, including bullying or cyberbullying, emotional abuse, sexting, sexual abuse, and sexual exploitation
2. Making sure our response takes the needs of the person experiencing abuse, any bystanders, and our organisation as a whole into account
3. Reviewing the plan developed to address online abuse at regular intervals, to ensure that any problems have been resolved in the long term.

## MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Director and Headteacher. At every review, the policy will be approved by the CEO and Director of Enemy of Boredom.