

Internet Safety Policy

The internet is an incredible resource for children to access, support for their homework, chatting to friends etc., but it can also be a very dangerous place for them. They can be exposed to inappropriate material, harassment and bullying, viruses and hackers and be conned into giving away financial information. They can also be vulnerable to on-line grooming by pedophiles.

As a setting we offer children the opportunity to use the computer; however, we have introduced a range of procedures to ensure their safety.

We offer child friendly tablets, smart watches and cam-corders and cameras that do not connect to the internet.

We do not allow your child to connect to the internet freely. A member of staff is always with your child when they are using the computer and will ensure they are age appropriate games and educational videos.

We are also aware of the need to limit the time children spend on computers and will develop strategies to ensure that they spend a balance of time engaged in ICT and other activities.

We use a facebook group for parents and staff of Kingfisher Kindergarten. Only pictures of children that parents have signed an agreement are allowed on this page. Only practitioners and management are able to have access to this page.

We have an in house iPhone which is used to take pictures of the children for their learning and for our facebook page. Only practitioners and management have access to this phone. All pictures are deleted regularly and the iPhone is kept safe at the end of the day.

We also have an Amazon Alexa screen within the setting which has access to the internet. Children use this device to play songs and further their learning with visual aids. The device has the explicit filter enabled so there is no risk to harmful content being exposed within the setting.

We also have a TV which can stream content from the internet. Such streaming will always be supervised by staff and have age appropriate content.

Only pictures of Children that parents have signed and agreed will be used on our website or social media page.

This policy was adopted by Kingfisher Kindergarten Ltd

Date to be reviewed

Annually

Signed on behalf of the provider

La-Ryne van der Westhuizen

Role of signatory

Owner