

Keeping Children Safe Online at Masefield Primary School

Training and Reporting Procedures

Staff at Masefield receive annual training on many aspects of online safety, including filtering and monitoring and cybersecurity. They are aware of our online safety incident reporting procedures following the reporting flowchart. All children are continually reminded of how to report online safety incidents through Computing lessons, online safety updates with the Computing Lead and online safety assemblies.

Acceptable Use Policies

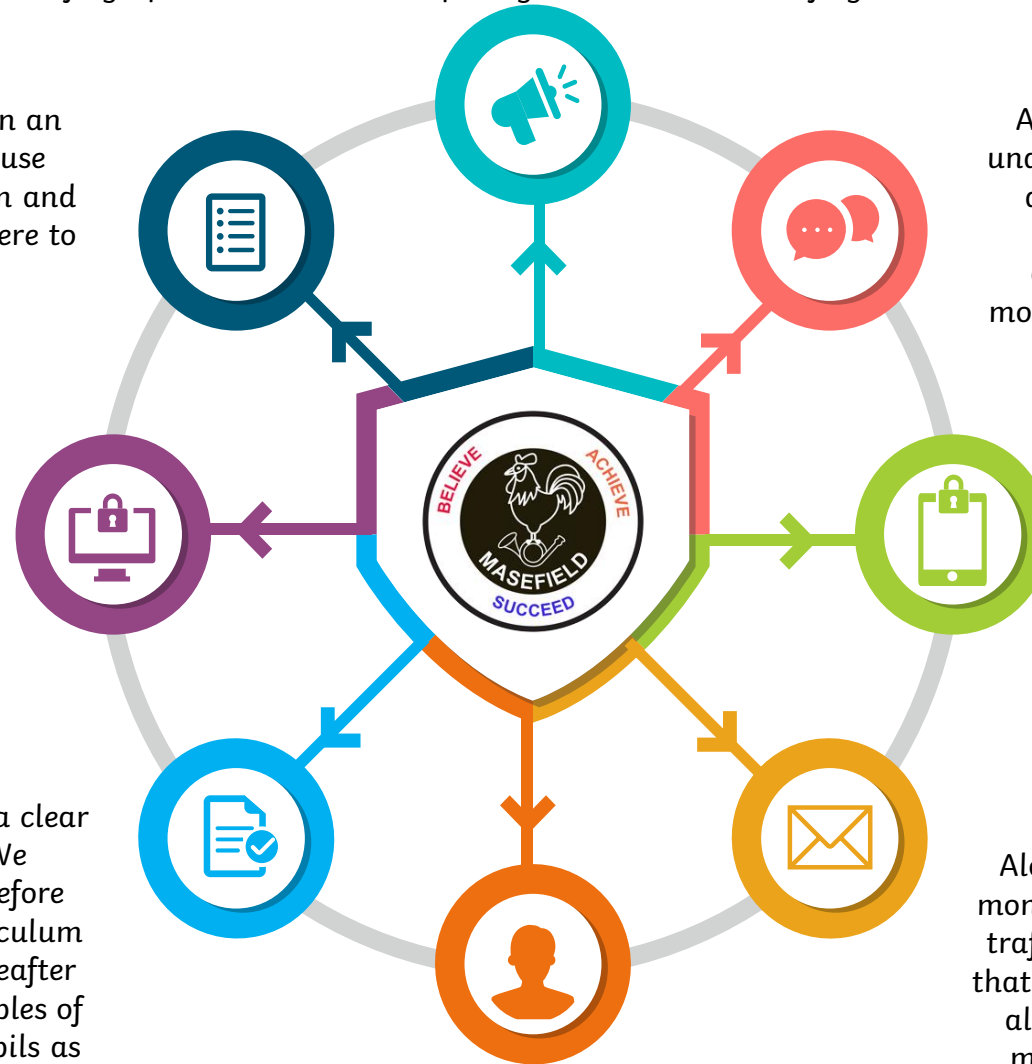
All children at Masefield must agree to and sign an acceptable use policy before being allowed to use online devices. This is displayed in the classroom and sanctions are applied when children do not adhere to this policy.

Sophos UTM and Google SafeSearch (Filtering)

At Masefield, we use Sophos UTM which scans internet traffic and, when it detects information that is potentially harmful, Sophos UTM prevents it from being displayed on the screen by showing a block page instead. Masefield has enabled Google's SafeSearch filters to help filter explicit content from appearing in search results.

Digital Citizenship and Digital Leaders

The Computing curriculum at Masefield places a clear emphasis on keeping children safe online. We prioritise the teaching of Digital Citizenship before teaching the remainder of the Computing curriculum and review this in each Computing lesson thereafter to ensure that we thoroughly embed the principles of staying safe online. We also appoint Year 5 pupils as digital leaders annually to champion online safety amongst their peers.



Working with Parents

At Masefield, we recognise that many parents are unaware of some of the risks children face online and are unsure about keeping children safe online at home. We support them to do so by running an annual online safety workshop and providing a monthly online safety newsletter with the most up to date advice.

Apple Classroom (Monitoring)

Teaching staff at Masefield use Apple Classroom to monitor the use of iPads in the classroom. This gives staff the ability to see what children are viewing on their iPads, lock them into a specific app or website or lock a device completely.

Fastvue (Monitoring)

Alongside Sophos UTM, Masefield uses a software monitoring system, Fastvue. Fastvue can see all web traffic from school devices; when it detects activity that it believes is potentially harmful, it will send an alert to the schools Encompass mailbox which is monitored by the designated safeguarding lead.

Adult Supervision (Monitoring)

At Masefield, children will only use an online device under the direct supervision of adults.