BRANSTON PRE-SCHOOL CENTRE

COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE POLICY

The internet is now regarded as an essential resource to support teaching and learning. Computer skills are vital to accessing lifelong learning and employment. Internet should be carefully planned and targeted within a regulated and managed environment to show children the benefits of accessing information from around the world to enhance their learning.

The laptops and systems are owned by Branson Pre-School and have appropriate software to ensure safe internet use.

A staff member (health & safety officer) will be responsible for systems support and will ensure that the appropriate filters are applied to all Pre-School laptops.

If staff or children discover unsuitable sites have been accessed on the laptops this must be reported to the systems support member of staff so filters can be reviewed.

A member of staff will observe the children when they are using the internet and ensure that it is appropriate.

Branston Pre-School reserves the right to examine or delete any files that may be held on its system or to monitor any internet sites visited.

Activity that is found to be unsuitable or that attacks or corrupts other systems is forbidden.

Use for gambling is forbidden.

Copyright of materials must be respected.

Use of computer system to access inappropriate materials such as pornographic, racist or offensive material is forbidden.

Pre-School internet access will be tailored expressly for educational use and will include appropriate filtering. Children will learn safe and appropriate internet use. Staff will guide pupils in online activities that support their learning journeys.

Social networking sites will not be accessed during working hours.

Children will only use age appropriate software in the setting.

Parents attention will be drawn to the policy and they will be provided with information to help keep children safe on the internet at home as well.