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What's different about AUPs for September 2026? Whilst key principles remain the same, we have amended points on mobile and personal recording devices such as smart glasses, and extended guidelines around appropriate social media use and taking secret photos, videos or recordings of members of the school community.

We recommend you signpost parents to parentsafe.lgfl.net, our dedicated one-stop portal offering parents support and advice on safe settings, parental controls and monitoring, apps and games, talking to children about life online, Generative AI, screentime and key topics from bullying to accessing pornography, extremism and gangs, fake news and more.

In school you may wish to specifically:

- Use our readymade [powerpoint](#) about all things online safety for use with parents.
- Recommend the [Digital Family Agreement](#) with example statements to help families agree on shared expectations around time spent on devices, and ground rules like no phones at the table or in the bedroom at night-time.
- Edit / remove / add items based on the knowledge of your school such as previous concerns or incidents. Items highlighted in **yellow** need editing/completing/removing before you share the document.
- Add your school name and logo, but please do not try to remove our branding/links.
- Read this AUP in conjunction with our online-safety policy template for schools, available at safepolicies.lgfl.net
- Issue this alongside a couple of the poster/flyers at safeposters.lgfl.net
- Use our collection of further materials to support your outreach work with parents which you can access via parentsafe.lgfl.net
- Use our online safety educational resources (filtered by theme or key stage) at saferesources.lgfl.net, including materials to support parents/carers.
- Utilise the template letters to send to parents about online safety which can be downloaded from safepolicies.lgfl.net
- Tell us how you use this AUP / if it's useful, how we can improve it and what else we can do to support you – get in touch with @LGfLSafeguardED on [Facebook](#) or [LinkedIn](#)

INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

Technology is an essential part of daily life and learning. At [insert school name here], your child's safety and wellbeing are our utmost priority. We expect pupils to act with equal respect and care whether they are online or face-to-face, inside or outside of school.

We ask parents and carers to sign this policy to help reinforce these safe behaviours. Your child has signed a matching age-appropriate AUP. Our full Online Safety Policy can be found at [insert link here]. If you have any questions, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or [insert staff name/role].

[insert name of school] uses technology as part of the daily life of the school when it is appropriate to support teaching & learning and the smooth running of the school, and to help prepare the children in our care for their future lives. We take every reasonable precaution to keep pupils safe online as outlined in the government's guidance.

1. DEVICES IN SCHOOL

- **Filtering & Monitoring:** I understand the school uses filtering (website blocking) and monitoring to protect pupils. While school network protections are safer than most home networks, no system is 100% risk-free. The school aims to teach safe and responsible use, rather than 'overblocking' educational content.
- **Mobile Phones & Personal Devices:** I will support the school's policy regarding personal devices brought to school. I will not call or text my child during the school day; urgent messages must always go through the school office.
- **Tracking Devices:** I will not attempt to track my child during the school day or on school trips using Apple AirTags or similar devices. Doing so violates product terms, can broadcast locations to strangers, and causes unnecessary distress during routine route adjustments.
- **School Communications:** Staff will only contact my child regarding learning or wellbeing through approved systems [insert systems here]. I will report any unusual or external app contact requests immediately to [insert staff name/DSL role].

2. AT HOME & REMOTE LEARNING

- **Filtering:** I understand that any school-owned devices and cloud platforms that are used out of school are subject to filtering and monitoring. More detail of this can be found in our online safety policy. [if this is true, insert link or where to find it]
- **Safe Environment:** I will help my child maintain safe habits at home and during remote learning. [You may want to add here any specific reminders for parents to be aware of]

or support with e.g. if using Scratch, make parents aware of the need to supervise due to the chat function on this.]

- **Video Call Etiquette:** During school video calls, I will ensure my child is fully dressed (not in bed) and that their camera points away from personal spaces or uses a blurred background.
- **Private Online Tutors:** If I arrange private online tuition, I will verify their safety credentials using the [Online Tutors – Keeping Children Safe](#) guidelines and ensure sessions happen in a shared family room.
- **Home Protections & Boundaries:** I will utilise parental controls, home filtering, and child-safe search tools like [swiggle.org.uk](https://www.swiggle.org.uk) or YouTube Kids [[amend if secondary provision](#)]. I will promote a healthy balance using the [Digital 5 A Day](#) framework. Parental guidance is available at parentsafe.lgfl.net.
- **Regular Dialogue:** To help understand what my child does online and ensure they are confident to talk to me should something go wrong, I will regularly talk to my child about their life online. Parental guidance is available at parentsafe.lgfl.net.

3. IN THE COMMUNITY & SOCIAL MEDIA

- **Modelling Digital Respect:** I will model safe, positive online behaviours. I will refrain from sharing images or details without permission or posting negative, threatening, or abusive comments about school staff, governors, pupils, or other parents on social media. The school will request the prompt deletion of abusive posts and contact the police if an offence occurs.
- **Age Restrictions & Group Chats:** The impact of social media use is often felt strongly in schools. I will support age restrictions and will not encourage my child to join platforms where they are below the minimum age (under 13 currently for most social media platforms). I will actively monitor my child's out-of-school digital interactions, such as WhatsApp or gaming group chats, to help prevent child-on-child abuse from spilling into school.
- **Privacy & Covert Recording:** Taking secret photos, videos, or recordings of teachers or pupils (including remotely or via wearable technology) is strictly forbidden. Personal recording devices like smart glasses are prohibited without written permission from [[insert role](#)]. To request a recording, I will speak to [[insert role](#)].
- **Visiting School Premises:** I will keep my personal technology in my pocket when visiting the school. I will never share photos or videos of other people's children on social media and understand that there may be cultural or legal reasons why this would be inappropriate or even dangerous (see nofilming.lgfl.net for more

information). The school will only use my child's image publicly with my explicit consent.

4. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & REPORTING

- **Generative AI Risks:** I will talk to my child about the risks of Artificial Intelligence, which is now embedded in many mainstream apps. I will discuss the specific dangers of AI chatbots, image creators, and "nudifying" apps that create inappropriate or illegal content. Advice can be found at parentsafe.lgfl.net.
- **Reporting Without Fear:** I understand that my child may be subject to school sanctions if they break online rules. However, I will reassure my child that they can always tell a trusted adult at home or at school if something goes wrong or upsets them online, without fear of immediate device confiscation or punishment.
- **Further Support:** For comprehensive support on parental controls, safe settings, gaming, apps, and sensitive topics (including cyberbullying, radicalisation, or inappropriate content), please utilise parentsafe.lgfl.net.

PARENT/CARER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I/we have read, understood, and agree to support this Acceptable Use Policy.

- **Signature(s):** _____
- **Name(s) of Parent / Guardian:** _____
- **Parent / Guardian of (Child's Name):**

- **Date:** _____

You can review individual sections of our broader school policy regarding online safety here: [[Insert link or location](#)].