Online Safety Policy

(See Mobile Phone and Camera Policy, Online Learning Journal Policy, Staff Behaviour Policy)

Town Street Playgroup take steps to ensure that there are effective procedures in place to protect children from the unacceptable use of Information Communication Technology (ICT) equipment or exposure to inappropriate online content in the setting.

Children do not have any unsupervised access to devices which connect to the internet. If staff access the internet with children for the purposes of promoting their learning, e.g. finding out about a topic, they will check any website content before viewing with children.

Children are taught the following stay safe principles in an age-appropriate way about using the internet at home:

- only go online with a grown up

- be kind online

- keep information about me safely

- only press buttons on the internet to things I understand

- tell a grown up if something makes me unhappy on the internet

These principles are shared and promoted with parents.

Staff will be aware of the online risks that children in the early years might experience and the risks that could be posed to early years children because of the online behaviour of their parents/carers. Staff will be vigilant and report any concerns to the Designated Safeguarding Person in the setting.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-children-and-protecting-professionals-in-early-years-settings-online-safety-considerations/safeguarding-children-and-protecting-professionals-in-early-years-settings-online-safety-guidance-for-practitioners>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/article-internet-use-and-safety>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

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