



e-Safety Policy

1. Policy Statement

The school believes that the benefits to pupils from access to the resources of the Internet far exceed the disadvantages. Ultimately, the responsibility for setting and conveying the standards that children are expected to follow when using media and information resources is one the school shares with parents and carers.

Safeguarding is a serious matter; at Oxford Road Community School we use technology and the Internet extensively across all areas of the curriculum. Online safeguarding, known as e-safety is an area that is constantly evolving and as such this policy will be reviewed on an annual basis or in response to an e-safety incident, whichever is sooner.

A copy of this policy and the Students Acceptable Use Policy will be sent home with students at the beginning of each school year with a permission slip (It will also be in the induction pack for new students and members of staff). Upon return of the signed permission slip and acceptance of the terms and conditions, students will be permitted access to school technology including the Internet.

For clarity, the e-safety policy uses the following terms unless otherwise stated:

Users - refers to staff, governing body, school volunteers, students and any other person working in or on behalf of the school, including contractors.

Parents – any adult with a legal responsibility for the child/young person outside the school e.g. parent, guardian, carer.

School – any school business or activity conducted on or off the school site, e.g. visits, conferences, school trips etc.

Wider school community – students, all staff, governing body, parents, any groups using the school facilities.

This policy is available for anybody to read on the Oxford Road Community School website; upon review all members of staff will sign as read and understood both the e-safety policy and the Staff Acceptable Use Policy.

Headteacher Name:

Signed:

Chair of Governors:

Signed:

Review Date:

Next Review:

2. Role and Responsibilities (Policy Governance)

Governing Body

The governing body is accountable for ensuring that our school has effective policies and procedures in place; as such they will:

- Review this policy at least annually and in response to any e-safety incident to ensure that the policy is up to date, covers all aspects of technology use within the school, to ensure e-safety incidents were appropriately dealt with and ensure the policy was effective in managing those incidents.
- Appoint one governor to have overall responsibility for the governance of e-safety at the school who will:
 - Keep up to date with emerging risks and threats through technology use.
 - Receive regular updates from the Headteacher in regards to training, identified risks and any incidents
 - Chair the e-Safety Committee.

Headteacher

Reporting to the governing body, the Headteacher has overall responsibility for e-safety within our school. The day-to-day management of this will be delegated to a member of staff, the e-Safety Officer (or more than one), as indicated below.

The Headteacher will ensure that:

- E-Safety training throughout the school is planned and up to date and appropriate to the recipient, i.e. students, all staff, senior leadership team and governing body, parents
- The designated e-Safety Officer(s) has had appropriate CPD in order to undertake the day to day duties
- All e-safety incidents are dealt with promptly and appropriately.

e-Safety Officer

The day-to-day duty of e-Safety Officers is devolved to Becci Duley and Chloë Callard.

The e-Safety Officers will:

- Keep up to date with the latest risks to children whilst using technology; familiarize themselves with the latest research and available resources for school and home use
- Review this policy regularly and bring any matters to the attention of the Headteacher
- Advise the Headteacher, governing body on all e-safety matters
- Engage with parents and the school community on e-safety matters at school and/or at home
- Liaise with the local authority, IT technical support (Desktop Support Provider) and other agencies as required
- Retain responsibility for the e-safety incident log; ensure staff know what to report and ensure the appropriate audit trail

- Ensure any technical e-safety measures in school (e.g. Internet filtering software) are fit for purpose through liaison with the local authority and/or ICT Technical Support (Desktop Support Provider)
- Make themselves aware of any reporting function with technical e-safety measures, i.e. internet filtering reporting function; liaise with the Headteacher and responsible governor to decide on what reports may be appropriate for viewing.

ICT Technical Support Staff

Technical support at Oxford Road Community School is provided by Soft Egg, who manage the server and all technical aspects within the school.

Technical support staff are responsible for ensuring that:

- The IT technical infrastructure is secure; this will include at a minimum:
 - Anti-virus is fit-for-purpose, up to date and applied to all capable devices
 - Windows (or other operating system) updates are regularly monitored and devices updated as appropriate
 - Any e-safety technical solutions such as Internet filtering are operating correctly
 - Filtering levels are applied appropriately and according to the age of the user; that categories of use are discussed and agreed with the e-safety officer and Headteacher
 - Passwords are applied correctly. Children will have access to their class domain through a generic username and password. Passwords for staff will be a minimum of 8 characters, with a mix of digits and letters
 - The IT System Administrator password is to be changed on a 6 weekly basis.

All Staff

Staff are to ensure that:

- All details within this policy are understood. If anything is not understood it should be brought to the attention of the Headteacher
- Any e-safety incident is reported to the e-Safety Officer (and an e-safety incident report is made), or in his/her absence to the Headteacher. If you are unsure the matter is to be raised with the e-Safety Officer(s) or the Headteacher to make a decision
- The reporting flowcharts contained within this e-Safety Policy are fully understood.

All Students

The boundaries of use of ICT equipment and services in this school are given in the student Acceptable Use Policy; any deviation or misuse of ICT equipment or services will be dealt with in accordance with the Behaviour Policy.

e-safety is embedded into our curriculum; students will be given the appropriate advice and guidance by staff. Similarly all students will be fully aware how they can report areas of concern whilst at school or outside of school.

Parents and Carers

Parents play the most important role in the development of their children; as such the school will ensure that parents have the skills and knowledge they need to ensure the safety of children outside the school environment. Through parents evenings, school newsletters and drop in sessions, the school will keep parents up to date with new and emerging e-safety risks, and will involve parents in strategies to ensure that students are empowered.

Parents must also understand the school needs have to rules in place to ensure that their child can be properly safeguarded. As such parents will sign the student Acceptable Use Policy before any access can be granted to school ICT equipment or services.

e-Safety Committee

Chaired by the Governor responsible for e-safety, the e-Safety Committee is responsible:

- to advise on changes to the e-Safety Policy
- to establish the effectiveness (or not) of e-safety training and awareness in the school
- to recommend further initiatives for e-safety training and awareness at the school.

Established from volunteer students, parents, e-Safety Officer(s), responsible Governor and others as required, the e-Safety Committee will meet on a regular basis.

3. Technology

Oxford Road Community School uses a range of devices including PCs, laptops, iPads and netbooks. In order to safeguard the student and in order to prevent loss of personal data we employ the following assistive technology:

Internet Filtering – we use a web-filter that prevents unauthorized access to illegal websites. It also prevents access to inappropriate websites; appropriate and inappropriate is determined by the age of the user and will be reviewed in line with this policy or in response to an incident, whichever is sooner. The ICT Coordinator, e-Safety Officer(s) and Desktop Support Provider are responsible for ensuring that the filtering is appropriately monitored and that any issues are brought to the attention of the Headteacher.

Email Filtering – we use software that prevents any infected email to be sent from the school, or to be received by the school. Infected is defined as: an email that contains a virus or script (i.e. malware) that could be damaging or destructive to data; spam email such as a phishing message.

Encryption – All school devices that hold personal data (as defined by the Data Protection Act 1998) are encrypted. No data is to leave the school on an un-encrypted device; all devices that are kept on school property and which may contain personal data are encrypted. Any breach (i.e. loss/theft of device such as laptop or USB keydrives) is to be brought to the attention of the Headteacher immediately. The Headteacher will liaise with the local authority to ascertain whether a report needs to be made to the Information Commissioner's Office.

Passwords – all staff will be unable to access any device without a unique username and password. Staff passwords will change on a termly (6 weeks) basis or if there has been a compromise, whichever is sooner. The e-safety officers and the Desktop Support Provider will be responsible for ensuring that passwords are changed. All staff will lock screens when they leave their computer/ device unattended.

Anti-Virus – All capable devices will have anti-virus software. This software will be updated at least weekly for new virus definitions. The Desktop Support Provider will be responsible for ensuring this task is carried out, and will report to the Headteacher if there are any concerns.

4. Safe Use

Internet – Use of the Internet in school is a privilege, not a right. Internet use will be granted: to staff upon signing this e-safety and the staff Acceptable Use Policy; students upon signing and returning their acceptance of the Acceptable Use Policy.

Email – All staff are reminded that emails are subject to Freedom of Information requests, and as such the email service is to be used for professional work-based emails only. Emails of a personal nature are not permitted. Similarly use of personal email addresses for work purposes is not permitted.

Photos and videos – Digital media such as photos and videos are covered in the schools' Photographic Policy, and is re-iterated here for clarity. All parents must sign a photo/video release slip at the beginning of each academic year; non-return of the permission slip will not be assumed as acceptance.

Social Networking – there are many social networking services available; Oxford Road Community School is fully supportive of social networking as a tool to engage and collaborate with learners, and to engage with parents and the wider school community. The following social media services are permitted for use within Oxford Road Community School and have been appropriately risk assessed; should staff wish to use other social media, permission must first be sought via the e-Safety Officer(s) who will advise the Headteacher for a decision to be made. Any new service will be risk assessed before use is permitted.

- Blogging – used by staff and students in school.
- Twitter – used by the school as a broadcast service (see below).

A broadcast service is a one-way communication method in order to share school information with the wider school community.

In addition, the following is to be strictly adhered to:

- Permission slips (via the school photographic policy) must be consulted before any image or video of any child is uploaded, these will be completed on a yearly basis
- There is to be no identification of students using first name and surname; first name only is to be used
- Where services are “comment enabled”, comments are to be set to “moderated”
- All posted data must conform to copyright law; images, videos and other resources that are not originated by the school are not allowed unless the owner's permission has been granted or there is a licence which allows for such use (i.e. creative commons).

Notice and take down policy – should it come to the schools attention that there is a resource which has been inadvertently uploaded, and the school does not have copyright permission to use that resource, it will be removed within one working day.

Incidents - Any e-safety incident is to be brought to the immediate attention of the e-Safety Officer(s), or in his/her absence the Headteacher. The e-Safety Officer(s) will assist you in taking the appropriate action to deal with the incident and to fill out an incident log.

Training and Curriculum - It is important that the wider school community is sufficiently empowered with the knowledge to stay as risk free as possible whilst using digital technology; this includes updated awareness of new and emerging issues. As such, Oxford Road Community School will have an annual programme of training which is suitable to the audience.

e-safety for students is embedded into the curriculum; whenever ICT is used in the school, staff will ensure that there are positive messages about the safe use of technology and risks as part of the student's learning.

Oxford Road Community School will use the DigitalMe Safe Social Networking programme in Key Stage 2, to teach children about the importance of e-safety. Children in Key Stage 1 will be introduced to the important aspects of e-safety through role play and discussion with adults in the classroom.

As well as the programme of training we will establish further training or lessons as necessary in response to any incidents.

The e-Safety Officer(s) is responsible for recommending a programme of training and awareness for the school year to the Headteacher and responsible Governor for consideration and planning. Should any member of staff feel they have had inadequate or insufficient training generally or in any particular area this must be brought to the attention of the Headteacher for further CPD.

The e-Safety Training Programme can be found on the Curriculum Drive, on the school network.

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Acceptable Use Policy – Staff

Note: All Internet and email activity is subject to monitoring

You must read this policy in conjunction with the e-Safety Policy. Once you have read and understood both you must sign this policy sheet.

Internet access - You must not access or attempt to access any sites that contain any of the following: child abuse; pornography; promoting discrimination of any kind; promoting racial or religious hatred; promoting illegal acts; any other information which may be illegal or offensive to colleagues. Inadvertent access must be treated as an e-safety incident, reported to the e-Safety Officer(s) and an incident sheet completed.

Social networking – is allowed in school in accordance with the e-Safety Policy only. Staff using social networking for personal use should never undermine the school, its staff, parents or children. Staff should not become “friends” with parents or pupils on personal social networks.

Use of Email – staff are not permitted to use school email addresses for personal business. All email should be kept professional. Staff are reminded that school data, including emails, is open to Subject Access Requests under the Freedom of Information Act.

Passwords - Staff should keep passwords private and adhere to the school’s Password Security Policy. There is no occasion when a password needs to be shared with another member of staff or student, or IT support.

Data Protection – If it is necessary for you to take work home, or off site, you should ensure that your device (laptop, USB pendrive etc.) is encrypted. On no occasion should data concerning personal information be taken offsite on an unencrypted device.

Personal Use of School ICT - You are not permitted to use ICT equipment for personal use unless specific permission has been given from the Headteacher who will set the boundaries of personal use.

Images and Videos - You should not upload onto any internet site or service images or videos of yourself, other staff or pupils without consent. This is applicable professionally (in school) or personally (i.e. staff outings).

Use of Personal ICT - use of personal ICT equipment is at the discretion of the Headteacher. Permission must be sought stating the reason for using personal equipment; a risk assessment will be carried out by IT support and the e-Safety Officer(s).

Viruses and other malware - any virus outbreaks are to be reported to the Soft Egg Helpdesk as soon as it is practical to do so, along with the name of the virus (if known) and actions taken by the school.

e-Safety – like health and safety, e-safety is the responsibility of everyone to everyone. As such you will promote positive e-safety messages in all use of ICT whether you are with other members of staff or with students.

NAME :

SIGNATURE :

DATE :

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Acceptable Use Policy – Students

Our Charter of Good Online Behaviour

Note: All Internet and email activity is subject to monitoring

I Promise – to only use the school ICT for schoolwork that the teacher has asked me to do.

I Promise – not to look for or show other people things that may be upsetting.

I Promise – to show respect for the work that other people have done.

I will not – use other people’s work or pictures without permission to do so.

I will not – damage the ICT equipment, if I accidentally damage something I will tell my teacher.

I will not – share my password with anybody. If I forget my password I will let my teacher know.

I will not – use other people’s usernames or passwords.

I will not – share personal information online with anyone.

I will not – download anything from the Internet unless my teacher has asked me to.

I will – let my teacher know if anybody asks me for personal information.

I will – let my teacher know if anybody says or does anything to me that is hurtful or upsets me.

I will – be respectful to everybody online; I will treat everybody the way that I want to be treated.

I understand – that if it is essential that I bring my phone to school, my parents will sign the necessary forms, and I will give my mobile phone (labelled with my name) to the school office, at the beginning of every school day.

I understand – that some people on the Internet are not who they say they are, and some people can be nasty. I will tell my teacher if I am ever concerned in school, or my parents if I am at home.

I understand – if I break the rules in this charter there will be consequences of my actions and my parents will be told.

Signed (Parent) :

Date:

Signed (Student) :

Responsible Use of the Internet

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school has a computer network, which gives the children access to the Internet.

Because there can be problems with children accessing unsuitable materials, we work with the Local Education Authority to deal with this.

The school's internet access has a built-in filtering system that prevents children accessing websites with inappropriate content. All our screens are in a place where other people can see them. Normally an adult is present to supervise.

However, no system is perfect, and we cannot completely remove the risk of children finding unsuitable material. We want to tell you the rules which we expect the children to follow to help with this.

Please could you read these rules and discuss them with your child, and then return the signed form to us at school? We will only allow children to use the Internet when we have this agreement from their parents or carers.

We will send this agreement to you at the start of every academic year. We will explain it to the children in class as well.

We will tell you about any inappropriate use of the Internet by your child.

If you would like to have a look at our full 'Policy for Internet Access', I am very happy to send you a copy. Please e-mail me on admin@oxfordroad.reading.sch.uk with the subject line 'Internet Policy request'.

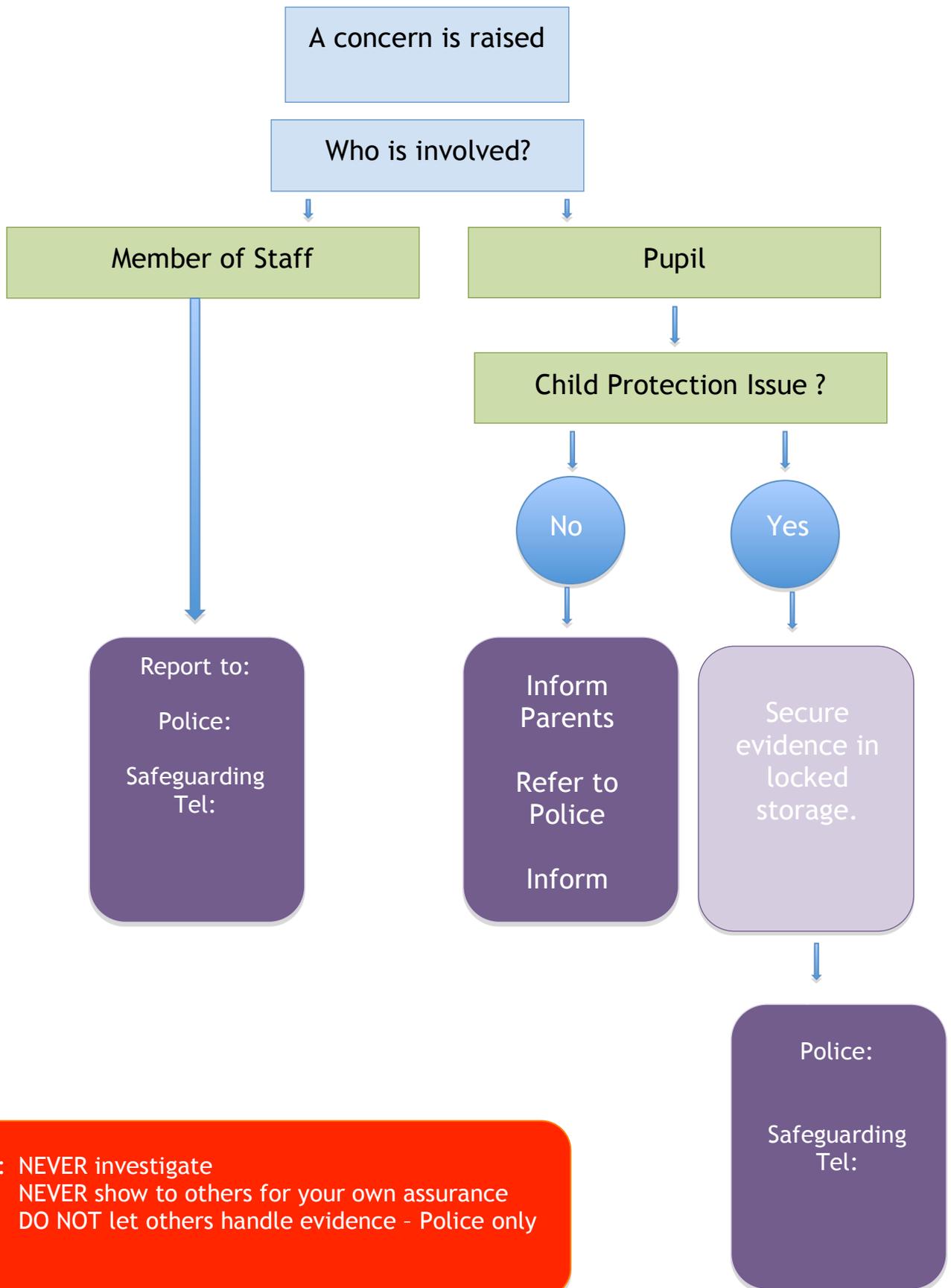
Yours faithfully

Claire Hurst
Headteacher



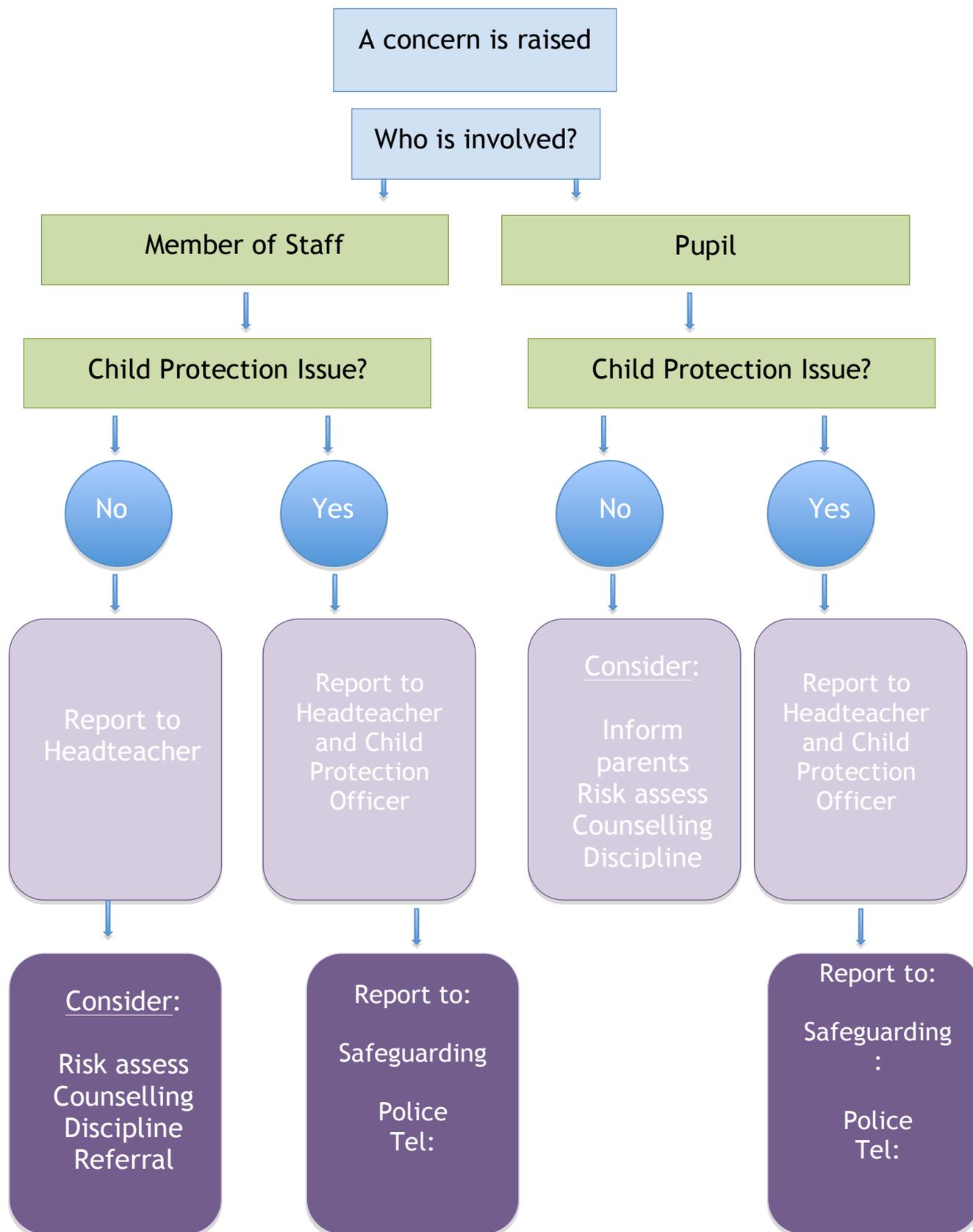
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Illegal Activity Flowchart



Note: NEVER investigate
NEVER show to others for your own assurance
DO NOT let others handle evidence - Police only

Inappropriate Activity Flowchart



If you are in any doubt, consult the Headteacher, Child Protection Officer or Safeguarding