# Safeguarding Pupil Devices – Student & Parent Version

## Introduction

Receiving a device that can be used at home will come with various safeguarding challenges. This document aims to reduce any concerns that you may have by letting you know how we intend to keep your child safe and secure online. The security settings, internet filtering service and monitoring solutions provided with the Chromebooks have been configured and implemented to support your school to meet the government's Keeping Children Safe in Education 2020 guidance and support the school's Safeguarding Policy.

## Security

It will only be possible for your child's school account to be used on the Chromebook. To reduce the likelihood of theft, if a device is factory reset, they have all been configured to reconnect to the school's cloud management service automatically. If a Chromebook is lost or stolen, your school will be able to update it, preventing anyone from using it and making it clear that it should be returned to the school. This makes the devices worthless to anyone who might steal, sell or give away the device to a non-Ark student.

## Hours of use

Your child's Chromebook will remain the property of Ark Schools. As a result, controls are in place to ensure they are used within our guidelines. This includes restricting the hours in which the device can be used and prohibiting the sites that can be accessed. Devices loaned by Ark Bentworth Primary Academy can be used between 7.30am and 7.30pm in order to enable working parents to support their children with home learning before and after the school day.

## Monitoring

In the same way that computer use is monitored inside school, we have a safeguarding solution that can monitor the use of its devices and services wherever they are. This means anything that is typed or accessed on the device will be checked to see if it is appropriate. If it is identified as a concern, the school's Safeguarding Team will be notified and provided with a log of the incident. To support safeguarding teams the solution can capture text or pictures of what is on screen at the time.

Ark Bentworth's core expectations are that all pupils are 'Ready, Respectful, Safe' and this includes online behaviour as well as behaviour in school. A pupil who is not 'Ready, Respectful or Safe' in their online behaviour will receive a warning followed by a minus on their record if there is any continued poor behaviour. However, any online bullying or intentional serious misuse of the school device will be viewed as a serious incident with a response from the Deputy or Head of School. This may result in loss of playtime, internal isolation at school or fixed term exclusion depending on the severity of the incident. Ark Bentworth reserves the right to prevent any pupil from using a school device and can require that it be returned to the school in the event of misuse.

## Internet Use

You will be able to connect the devices to home/personal/public WiFi networks. In order to protect pupils from inappropriate content, Ark have subscribed to a cloud-based internet filtering service. This service works closely with the [Internet Watch Foundation](#) to make the internet a safer place for everyone. If a pupil comes across an inappropriate site, they will be presented with a block page informing them of why the site is unavailable.

Websites being accessed all get checked and categorized based on their content. If a site falls into one the groups below, it will be blocked. If you believe a site has been blocked by mistake you can request that it is whitelisted by contacting your school.

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| Abortions | Gambling | Matrimonial | Remote Access Tools |
| Adult Mixed Content | Games | Network Timeout | Safe Search |
| Adware | Hacking | New URL | Search Engine |
| Age Restriction | Hate Speech | Nudity | Self Harm |
| Alcohol | Host is an IP | Occult | Social Networking |
| Body Modification | Humour | Open Mixed Content | Substance Abuse |
| Bullying | Infected Hosts | Pay to Surf | Terrorism |
| Child Erotica | Intimate Apparel | Peer to Peer | Tobacco |
| Child Sexual Abuse | Malicious Web | Phishing | Under Construction |
| Classifieds | Obfuscation | Phishing Hosts | Viruses |
| Copyright | Malware | Phone Cards | Weapons |
| Infringement | Malware Hosts | PIPCU | Web Chat |
| Criminal Skills | Marijuana | Pornography | Web Proxy |
| Extreme | Match Making | Profanity | |

## Guidance for Parents

If you notice changes in your child's behaviour that worry you, you should talk to them or contact your school.

There are lots of helpful resources available online that can help you support your child's use of technology. Below are some links that may be useful for you:

[https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/](https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/) - Practical advice for parents

[Children's Commissioner's Digital 5 a day](#) – Five steps to better mental wellbeing

[LGfL Tips for Parents](#) – Six Top Tips for parents

[https://swiggle.org.uk/](https://swiggle.org.uk/) - A child friendly search engine

[https://www.lgfl.net/online-safety/resource-centre](https://www.lgfl.net/online-safety/resource-centre) - Safeguarding and Online-Safety Resources

[https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/checklists/](https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/checklists/) - Social Media Checklists