


POLICY DOCUMENT

• E-Safety & Internet Safety Policy

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E-Safety & Internet Safety Policy	05 September 2022	05 September 2023	

Introduction

There is a shared responsibility by all staff to ensure this policy keeps all staff and learners E-safe.

Rationale

People are increasingly using online mainstream and non-mainstream platforms such as Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, Snapchat and online calls as a way to communicate. Non-mainstream platforms are not regulated and pose a threat to young people and put them at a higher risk of being influenced by extremist groups, negative influencers, groomers and online fraud.

Aims

FW Solutions:

- will use the internet and other digital technologies to support, extend and enhance learning
- will develop an understanding of the uses, importance and limitations of the internet and other digital technologies in the modern world including the need to avoid undesirable material;
- will develop a positive attitude to the internet and develop their ICT capability through both independent and collaborative working;
- will use existing, as well as up and coming, technologies safely.

Internet use will support, extend and enhance learning

- learners will be given clear objectives for internet use.
- Web content will be subject to appropriate filters.
- Internet use will be embedded in the teaching.
- Learners will be taught how to effectively use the internet for research purposes.
- Learners will be taught to evaluate information on the internet.
- Learners will be taught how to report inappropriate web content.
- Learners will develop a positive attitude to the internet.
- Learners will be taught about e-safety.

Data Protection

- There is a separate Data Protection policy.

E-mail

- All staff will only use approved e-mail accounts and any emails containing personal data will be encrypted and transmitted over secure networks only. VPN used when out of the usual working space.

Systems Security

- ICT equipment loaned to learners for the duration of their course will be fitted with the appropriate security and will be regularly reviewed before and after the loan period.

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Monitoring Government Guidance and Regulations

- FW solutions will regularly monitor updates on government regulation relating to e-safety, such as the Online Harms Bill.

Policy Review

Overall responsibility for this E-Safety & Internet Safety Policy with FW Solutions Ltd and the implementation thereof lies with Lesley Rimmington, Quality Director .

This policy and Approach will be reviewed annually or following any new Government guidance by Lesley Rimmington, Quality Director, Rebecca Warden, Business Development Director and Janet Williams, Office Manager.

This E-Safety & Internet Safety Policy is Version 5 and was amended and adopted on 05/09/2022

This E-Safety & Internet Safety Policy is due to be reviewed on 05/09/2023.