



## KINGSWAY PLAYGROUP & PRE-SCHOOL CENTRE

### **ONLINE SAFETY POLICY**

Our playgroup is aware of the growth of internet use and the advantages this can bring. However, it is also aware of the dangers and strives to support children, staff and families in using the internet safely

Keeping Children Safe in Education states *“The breadth of issues classified within online safety is considerable, but can be categorised into three areas of risk:*

- ✓ content: being exposed to illegal, inappropriate or harmful material;
- ✓ contact: being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users; and
- ✓ conduct: personal online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes, harm”

Within the playgroup we aim to keep children (and staff) safe online by:

- Ensuring we have appropriate antivirus and anti-spyware software on all devices and update them regularly
- Ensuring content blockers and filters are on all our devices, e.g. computers, laptops and any mobile devices
- Not allowing children access to the internet and all computers and tablets used by the children have the internet access disabled.
- Keeping passwords safe and secure, not sharing or writing these down.
- Ensure management monitor all internet activities in the setting
- Ensuring no social media or messaging apps are installed on nursery devices – these sites are blocked by our internet provider
- Management reviewing all apps or games downloaded to tablets to ensure all are age appropriate for children and safeguard the children and staff
- Using approved devices to record/photograph in the setting
- Never emailing personal or financial information except through secure email
- Reporting emails with inappropriate content to the internet watch foundation (IWF [www.iwf.org.uk](http://www.iwf.org.uk))
- Ensuring children are supervised when using internet devices
- Not permitting visitors access to the nursery Wi-Fi
- Talking to children about ‘stranger danger’ and deciding who is a stranger and who is not, comparing people in real life situations to online ‘friends’
- We abide by an acceptable use policy, ensuring staff only use the work IT equipment for matters relating to the children and their education and care. No personal use will be tolerated