Online safety policy guide - Summary of key parent/carer responsibilities

The school provides online safety information for parents/carers, through the website, in newsletters and at events. It is important that parents/carers understand their key role in supporting children to behave appropriately and keep themselves safe online.
The online safety policy, supported by its acceptable use agreements, is intended to protect the interests and safety of the whole school community.

• Parents/carers are required to support their child in understanding and signing the Online Safety Acceptable Use Agreement for pupils.
• Parents/carers may only use personal mobile phones and devices in designated areas of the school unless otherwise informed, e.g. for specific events and activities. Images should not be taken at any time on school premises that include anyone other than their own child, unless there is a pre-specified agreement with the senior leadership team. Images are for personal use only and should not be uploaded to any social media platform. When a parent/carer is on school premises but not in a designated area, their phone/s must be switched off and out of sight
• Parents/carers should not assume that pupils can bring technological devices to school and should always check the school policy.
• All cyberbullying incidents affecting children in the school should be reported immediately. (If the incident involves an indecent image of a child the report must also be made immediately to the police for your own protection.) The school will investigate and respond to all reported cyberbullying incidents, liaising with others where appropriate. No reply should ever be sent to the sender/poster of cyberbullying content. If applicable block the sender and report abuse to the site. Evidence should be retained and shown in school and/or to the police. Evidence should not be forwarded.
• The school may choose to set up social media sites, blogs or have some other online presence in its own name. Parents/carers, however, do not have the right to set up any site, page, chat group or any other online presence that claims to represent the school and uses the school name with that intent.
• Any parent/carer, distressed or concerned about an aspect of school should make immediate contact with a member of staff rather than posting their concerns online. Parents/carers should not share school related information or images online or post material that may bring the school or any individual within it into disrepute. Negative postings about the school would impact on the reputation of the whole school community. Parents/carers are encouraged to report breaches so that we can protect the reputation of the school, staff, pupils and parents/carers.

Please see the full online safety policy in the policies section on the school website.