**E-Safety Policy**

At Docklands Day Nursery, we are aware of the growth of internet use and the advantages this can bring, but also the vulnerability of children and adults using the internet. We strive to support children, staff, and families in using the internet safely.

Within the nursery, 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.
* Keeping passwords safe and secure, not sharing, or writing these down. These will be changed regularly to keep the devices secure.
* Ensure management monitor all internet activities in the setting.
* Locking away all nursery devices at the end of the day
* Ensuring no social media or messaging apps are installed on nursery devices.
* 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 (Tapestry)
* Currently, children are not using any ICT equipment or internet at the setting. This policy will be reviewed if the situation changes.
* We will make sure that children’s screen time is monitored to ensure they remain safe online and have access to material that promotes their development. We will ensure that their screen time is within an acceptable level and is integrated within their programme of learning.
* Talking to older children in the preschool room 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.
* We will work in partnership with parents to ensure that children are supported to stay safe whilst using the internet and various devices such as mobile phones, tablets and game consoles. To support your child to stay safe online please see below some useful links:

[Parents & carers | Childnet](https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/)

[Parent Zone | At the heart of digital family life](https://parentzone.org.uk/)

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers)