

## Appendix to E Safety Policy

### Eschools –in response to Covid 19 outbreak

The purpose of using Eschools is to connect to our children and families using an online platform, so that we all feel that sense of belonging and are valued as a group. Eschools has a focus on sharing learning activities for the children to access and a place for children to securely message their teacher and peers. As a school we have decided to use Eschools for this. This is a very secure package, used to build the school website and is already used by many schools and recommended by our IT service.

- *Permission is sought from parents and carers if their children are involved and accessing Eschools. During the Covid 19 outbreak, this will be by initial engagement of children responding to teacher messages.*
- The school keeps a record of messages and learning activities, including date, time and participants.
- Children should not be using Eschools username and password to connect with others outside of the teacher led group chats and for access to learning activities.
- Only group emails or 1-1 emails (between child and teacher) organised by teacher to take place.
- Staff will suspend child's account if they feel any of the content is inappropriate.
- Profile pictures will be monitored by staff and if they feel are inappropriate they will contact children and parents to change them. Pictures of themselves can be used but must not have anyone else in.
- Parents should supervise their child's usage on Eschools.
- Only DBS checked staff will take part in messaging and the setting of learning activities.
- Usual Safeguarding standards will be maintained. *If staff felt that any child was 'at risk' or a disclosure was made then they would escalate this in the usual manner, using our Child Protection procedures.*