



Extracts from the Online Safety Mark Assessor Report Form

Date of assessment: 17th January 2018

Element A – Policy and Leadership

The school can be congratulated on its excellent leadership team that makes sure online safety is embedded throughout the school community.

The school benefits from having an active COST Cadet group which consists of two elected pupils that represent their class and have a strong pupil voice. The COST Cadets are also joined by the Online Safety Officer and designated Online Safety Governor. Meetings are held regularly which review and act on any concerns and issues relating to online safety. It is very clear that the school embrace and value the voice of the students and governors as well as striving to improve its provision.

All pupils, parents, staff and governors understand the process for reporting online safety incidents and feel comfortable in approaching the school for advice and support both personally and professionally.

The COST Cadets wrote the schools ICT acceptable agreement for pupils which has been professionally enlarged and posters are around the school.

Element B – Infrastructure

The school uses the monitoring and filtering system provided by the local authority and procedures are in place for the reporting of this data to the school monthly and termly. All stakeholders are aware of the monitoring that takes place and behave appropriately online.

A clear password policy is in place and there is an expectation that all KS2 pupils use their own username and password; class accounts are used for a limited period. Passwords are used throughout the school and have a differentiated approach. The pupils I spoke to knew how important it is to keep this private and when questioned further refused to give their personal details and explained how important this was especially when using social media sites.

Element C – Education

The school regularly completes online safety questionnaires and surveys for all members of the school community and from these, training sessions are tailored to address areas of concern.

Pupils have received and been involved in online safety education with evidence of this work around the school, not least the COST logo competition which pupils highly valued.

Pupils regularly take part in competitions both internally and externally and have regularly taken part in the international Safer Internet Day.

All members of the school community understand their rights and responsibilities in the taking and using of images. The school has its own Twitter account and images are used to promote the positive achievements of the school community.

Element D - Standards and Inspection

Parents have been very impressed and feel that they are contacted immediately, and preventative action is very quick to be put in place if an online safety incident has been detected.

Areas of strength and good practice

The school maximises the potential of the COST Cadets who help shape the Online Strategy. It was clear that the pupils felt valued and took their responsibilities seriously. During my visit, a child had collected some wonderful ideas from her class to show me how they are looking at improving online safety and I look forward to hearing how these are being developed.

It is evident that there is a strong culture of online safety within the school community. Parents and governors are extremely supportive of the school. The parents that I spoke to were very grateful for the hard work and commitment that the school do to keep their children safe, not only in school but outside of the school environment. Parents appreciated the timely and appropriate online safety updates that appear in the weekly newsletter that the COST Cadets write.

Additional Comments:

It has been a real pleasure to have visited Clapham Terrace Community School to experience the excellent commitment and enthusiasm of the school community. The hard work and dedication of the Online Safety Officer, Governor, Headteacher and COST Cadets should be praised, and it is clearly evident that Online Safety is a top priority at the school.