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**By submitting your completed Assessment Form to the eSafety Label portal you have taken an important step towards analysing the status of eSafety in your school. Congratulations! Please read through your Action Plan carefully to see what you can do to improve eSafety further in your school. The Action Plan offers useful advice and comments, broken down into 3 key areas: infrastructure, policy and practice.**

## Infrastructure

### Technical security

- › It is very good that all your school devices are virus protected. Make sure you also have included a paragraph on virus protection in both your school policy and your Acceptable Use Policy, and ensure that staff and pupils rigorously apply school guidelines. If you need further information, check out the fact sheet on Protecting your devices against malware at [www.esafetylevel.eu/group/community/protecting-your-devices-against-malware](http://www.esafetylevel.eu/group/community/protecting-your-devices-against-malware).
- › It is good practice that your ICT services are regularly reviewed, updated and removed if no longer in use.
- › An educational approach and building resilience in pupils of all ages is also key to safe and responsible online use so bring together all teachers to have a discussion on how they will talk to their pupils about being a good and safe digital citizen. See [www.europa.eu/youth/EU\\_en](http://www.europa.eu/youth/EU_en) for examples of discussions that can take place in the classroom on this topic, through role-play and group games.

### Pupil and staff access to technology

- › All staff and pupils are allowed to use USB memory sticks in your school. This is good practice, and your Acceptable Use Policy should stipulate that all removable media is checked before use in the school systems. Check the fact sheet on Use of removable devices at [www.esafetylevel.eu/group/community/use-of-removable-devices](http://www.esafetylevel.eu/group/community/use-of-removable-devices) to make sure you cover all security aspects.

### Data protection

- › It is good that your email system is protected and that you have a policy for the transfer of pupil data in place. In this regard, it is important to draw up guidelines so that all staff are clear about what to do if they discover inappropriate or illegal content on school machines. For further information see the fact sheet on Protecting sensitive data ([www.esafetylevel.eu/group/community/protecting-sensitive-data-in-schools](http://www.esafetylevel.eu/group/community/protecting-sensitive-data-in-schools)).
- › Your new users are given a standard password and are asked to generate their own password on their first access. Passwords offer unique entry points into the school computing system and some basic rules of password security should be rigorously applied. For further information, read the fact sheet on Safe passwords at [www.esafetylevel.eu/group/community/safe-passwords](http://www.esafetylevel.eu/group/community/safe-passwords).

Include these rules in your Acceptable User Agreement and avoid giving new users a standard “first access” password.

## Software licensing

- › You need to make sure that all the software in your school is legally licensed and that copies of the licences are held centrally. You also need to check with whoever supports your IT systems that the software will not compromise system security. Your school should develop a clear policy for software acquisition and it is good practice to centralise this process wherever possible.

## IT Management

- › It is good practise that your are training and/or providing guidance in the use of new software that is installed on school computers. This ensures that school members will take advantage of new features, but also that they are aware of security and data protection issues where relevant.
- › It is good practice to ensure that the person in charge of the ICT network is fully informed of what software is on school-owned hardware and this should be clearly indicated in the School Policy and the Acceptable Use Policy. The person responsible for the network needs to be able to guarantee conformity with licensing requirements and that new software won't interfere with network operation.
- › There is a mechanism set up in your school that allows any staff member to make a request for new hard/software - a request that leads to an informed decision within a reasonable amount of time. This is great as this way teacher can benefit from new technologies while still staying inline with school policy.

## Policy

### Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

- › In your school policy issues are regularly discussed. This is good practice as it ensures staff and pupils are aware of them. Do pupils and staff also have to sign related documents to confirm their awareness?
- › Your school should consider all policies which can refer to eSafety issues and the eSafety policy (such as child protection, safeguarding, behaviour). When drawing up school policies, keep in mind that online activities can have an impact on all areas of pupil and staff activities. Refer to eSafety aspects too, for example in child protection and anti-bullying policies, and ensure that your various policies are coherent and consistent with each other.
- › It is good that you have an Acceptable Use Policy for all members of the school community. Regularly review the AUP to ensure that it is still fit for purpose; to ensure that your AUP is sufficiently comprehensive, take a look at the fact sheet and check list on Acceptable Use Policy at [www.esafetylevel.eu/group/community/acceptable-use-policy-aup-](http://www.esafetylevel.eu/group/community/acceptable-use-policy-aup-).

### Reporting and Incident-Handling

- › Are all staff familiar with the procedure for dealing with material that could potentially be illegal? Is there a named person from the school senior leadership team who takes overall responsibility in this type of case? The

procedure needs to be clearly communicated to all staff in the School Policy, and to staff and pupils in the Acceptable Use Policy. Remember to report and suspected illegal content to your national INHOPE hotline ([www.inhope.org](http://www.inhope.org)).

- › Ensure that all staff, including new members of staff, are aware of the guidelines concerning what to do if inappropriate or illegal material is discovered on a school machine. Ensure, too, that the policy is rigorously enforced. A member of the school's senior leadership team should monitor this.

## Staff policy

- › As new technology and online practices emerge the borders of acceptable practice are constantly blurred. This is something that needs to be discussed at staff meetings often. Could you create a tutorial on professional online conduct of staff and upload it to your school profile via your [My school area](#) so that other schools can benefit from your good practice?
- › In your school user accounts are managed in a timely manner. This is important as it decreases the risk of misuse.
- › Ensure that all staff understand the school's regulations on use of personal mobile devices in the classroom; these should be clearly communicated in the School Policy. Monitor the effectiveness of the policy and ensure that it is adhered to. You can also advise your staff to read the fact sheet Using mobile phones at school ([www.esafetylevel.eu/group/community/using-mobile-device-in-schools](http://www.esafetylevel.eu/group/community/using-mobile-device-in-schools)).

## Pupil practice/behaviour

- › Your school has a school wide approach of positive and negative consequences for pupil behaviour. This is good practice, please share your policy via the [My school area](#) of the eSafety portal so that other schools can learn from it.

## School presence online

- › Check the fact sheet on Taking and publishing photos and videos at school ([www.esafetylevel.eu/group/community/taking-and-publishing-photos-and-videos-at-school](http://www.esafetylevel.eu/group/community/taking-and-publishing-photos-and-videos-at-school)) to see that your School Policy covers all areas, then upload this section of your School Policy to your profile page via your [My school area](#) so that other schools can learn from your good practice.

# Practice

## Management of eSafety

- › In addition to a clear designation of responsibility to ensure that all necessary network security and user privacy checks are in place, it is essential that schools also have audit and procedural checks at regular intervals. Without this, a school will be leaving itself vulnerable. See our fact sheet on School Policy at [www.esafetylevel.eu/group/community/school-policy](http://www.esafetylevel.eu/group/community/school-policy).

Although there should always be an overall lead person on eSafety just as you have in your school, everybody in the school has a shared responsibility to secure any sensitive information used in their day to day professional duties. Even staff not directly involved in data handling should be made aware of the risks and threats and how to

minimise problems. Use our fact sheet Acceptable Use Policy

([www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/acceptable-use-policy-aup-](http://www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/acceptable-use-policy-aup-)) to ensure that everyone plays their part in ensuring they are all the best and safest digital citizens they can be.

## eSafety in the curriculum

- It is good that eSafety is taught as part of the curriculum in your school. Ensure that all staff are delivering eSafety education where appropriate throughout the curriculum and not just through ICT or Personal Social and Health lessons. You/your staff may find some useful ideas and resources in the fact sheet Embedding eSafety in the curriculum at [www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/embedding-online-safety-in-curriculum](http://www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/embedding-online-safety-in-curriculum).
- It is good that these issues have been included in the eSafety curriculum. It is a good idea to regularly review the issues which are being covered by your eSafety education in order to ensure that new and emerging issues are covered.
- It is very good that, in your school, pupils are taught from an early age on about responsibilities and consequences when using social media. Please share any resources through the uploading evidence tool, accessible also via the [My school area](#).

## Extra curricular activities

- Gather feedback from pupils to see what sort of additional eSafety support they would benefit from outside curriculum time. Could they be involved in delivering some of this to their peers? Check the resource section on the eSafety Label portal to find resources that will help them do this; check out the fact sheet on Pupils' use of online technology outside school at [www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/pupils-use-of-online-technology-outside-school](http://www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/pupils-use-of-online-technology-outside-school).

## Sources of support

- Young people are more open to advice from their peers. Consider offering optional courses and/or school rewards on eSafety topics or similar that stimulate expert knowledge in pupils that then could become a point of reference for their peers.
- It is great that you have a staff member which is knowledgeable in eSafety issues who acts as a teacher of confidence to pupils.

## Staff training

- Consider ways to facilitate knowledge exchange between staff members. This could be in form of an online community with a platform, an email exchange or within a frame of staff initiated meetings. A school in which all staff members are aware of eSafety related issues is a much safer school. Suggest eSafety related topics for these sessions.
- It should be a real benefit to your pupils that all staff receive regular training on eSafety issues. Continue to gather feedback from staff on the medium- and long-term benefits of the training and consult the eSafety Label portal to see suggestions for training courses at [www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/suggestions-for-online-training-courses](http://www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/suggestions-for-online-training-courses).

- Your school makes sure that every teacher is trained on cyberbullying. Please share resources that are used in these trainings via uploading them to your [My school area](#). Are you also monitoring the effect that this training had on the number of incidents?

**The Assessment Form you submitted is generated from a large pool of questions. It is also useful for us to know if you are improving eSafety in areas not mentioned in the questionnaire. You can upload evidence of such changes via the [Upload evidence](#) on the [My school area](#) section of the eSafety Portal. Remember, the completion of the Assessment Form is just one part of the Accreditation Process, because the upload of evidence, your exchanges with others via the [Forum](#), and your [reporting of incidents](#) on the template provided are all also taken into account.**