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# E-SAFETY POLICY

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# The British School of Monaco

## E-Safety Policy

**INTRODUCTION**

The British School of Monaco believes we have a duty to provide students with quality Internet access as part of their learning experience across all curricular areas. The use of the Internet is an invaluable tool in the development of lifelong learning skills.

The British School of Monaco believes that, used correctly, Internet access will not only raise standards, but it will support teachers' professional work and it will enhance the school's management information and business administration systems.

The British School of Monaco acknowledges that the increased provision of the Internet in and out of school brings with it the need to ensure that learners are safe. We need to teach students how to evaluate Internet information and to take care of their own safety and security.

It is essential that students are safeguarded from potentially harmful and inappropriate online material. There are many online safeguarding issues that can be categorised into four areas of risk:

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| **Content:** | Being exposed to illegal, inappropriate or harmful material such as pornography, fake news, racism, misogyny, self-harm, suicide, anti-Semitism, radicalisation and extremism. |
| **Contact:** | Being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users such as peer-to-peer pressure, commercial advertising and adults posing as children or young adults with the intention to groom or exploit them for sexual, criminal, financial or other purposes. |
| **Conduct:** | Personal online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes, harm such as making, sending and receiving explicit images. |
| **Commerce:** | Risk such as online gambling, inappropriate advertising, phishing and of financial scams |

E-safety, which encompasses Internet technologies and electronic communications, will educate students about the benefits and risks of using technology and provide safeguards and awareness to enable them to control their online experience.

The British School of Monaco believes all students and other members of the school community have an entitlement to safe Internet access at all times.

The British School of Monaco acknowledges and supports Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in that students should be encouraged to form and to express their views.

**AIMS**

➢ To provide students with quality Internet access as part of their learning experience across all curricular areas.

➢ To provide clear advice and guidance in order to ensure that all Internet users are aware of the risks and the benefits of using the Internet.

➢ To support students to evaluate Internet information and to take care of their own safety and security.

Homisis is the school's IT service provider and has created, maintains and monitors the school's internet firewalls.

**Monitoring the Effectiveness of the Policy**

This policy will be reviewed according to the school's policy review schedule or when the need arises by relevant staff, the Principal and the Governing Body, taking account of students' opinions and concerns, and parental views, where appropriate.

> The British School of Monaco is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers and other third parties to share this commitment.