

**Children’s Online Safety**

**Policy statement**

* We promote children's right to use technology in a safe and secure way to promote learning and to develop vital skills for life.

To keep children safe:

* All Preschool devices that can be accessed by the Preschool children (Interactive table) will be on kids mode or have strict parental controls in place.
* Devices that Practitioners used (Ipad), will be stored out of the reach of the children and be locked with a secure passcode.
* All downloaded apps will be age appropriate (assessed through age recommendations and reviews) and will include a variety of safe and educational games. When games are played for the first time a staff member will be playing too.
* Only pre-loaded apps are available to be used e.g Yellow Door apps and Cbeebies apps in kids mode on the interactive table.
* Children’s device time will be closely monitored and after 15mins the child will be encouraged to finish their activity and to move on to another activity within the setting.
* Children will be encouraged to work on the devices in pairs or small groups.
* Wherever possible a Practitioner will be interacting with the child whilst they are playing on the device. Where this is not possible, they will always be closely monitored to ensure appropriate game play.
* Practitioners will use ‘The Colour Monster’ book to support the children to have a simple understanding of internet safety and how they can get help if they are concerned or upset by anything they see.
* Parents will be provided with internet safety advise from organisations such as [www.internetmatters.org.uk](http://www.internetmatters.org.uk) and [www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies)
* In the unlikely event that a child does access any inappropriate or distressing content parents will be notified immediately and the child will be comforted and reassured. The incident will be logged and investigated.