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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 good practice that your ICT services are regularly reviewed, updated and removed if no longer in use.
- › Your school system is protected by a firewall. Ensure that the provision and management of the firewall are regularly reviewed and updated, as and when required.
- › 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

- › Since staff and pupils can use their own equipment on your school network, it is important to make sure that the Acceptable Use Policy is reviewed regularly by all members of the school and adapted as necessary. It must be discussed with pupils at the start of each academic year so that they understand what is in place to protect them and their privacy, and why. Base the policy around behaviour rather than technology. Visitors must also read and sign the Acceptable Use Policy before they use the school's network.
- › The fact that staff and pupils are allowed to use USB memory sticks in your school following permission, would require that all staff concerned receive adequate training to be able to know when they can be used safely. Is this the case? To keep your systems secure whilst allowing staff and pupils you also need to include the ground rules in your Acceptable Use Policy. Check the fact sheet on Use of removable devices at [www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/use-of-removable-devices](http://www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/use-of-removable-devices) to make sure you cover all security aspects.

### Data protection

- › There is a retention plan in place for your school detailing how specific school records are stored, archived and disposed. This is very good. Ensure that the plan is followed and review it regularly to ensure it relates to the Data Protection Act and other relevant legislation. Check the according fact sheet for more information.

- › Having your learning and administration environments together can create a security risk. Ensuring security of staff's and pupils' private data is a fundamental role of the school. We recommend that your appointed eSafety manager/ICT coordinator, together with the staff and a technical expert, define and implement a strategy for separating learning and administration environments or ensuring the equivalent highest level of security between them. Read the fact sheet on Protecting sensitive data in schools at [www.esafetymodel.eu/group/community/protecting-sensitive-data-in-schools](http://www.esafetymodel.eu/group/community/protecting-sensitive-data-in-schools).

## Software licensing

- › Your school has set a realistic budget for software needs. This is good. Ensure that it remains this way. You might also want to look into alternatives, e.g. Cloud services or open software.

## IT Management

- › It is good practise that you 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.
- › In your school only the head master and/or IT responsible can acquire new software. Consider putting a system into place where teachers can ask for new software in a non-bureaucratic and timely fashion. This allows teachers to create a more engaging lesson without the temptation of unauthorized copying and its inherent dangers and costs.

## Policy

### Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

- › It is essential for all schools to have an Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for staff and pupils. Consult with all stakeholders to draw up an AUP urgently. See the fact sheet and check list on Acceptable Use Policy at [www.esafetymodel.eu/group/community/acceptable-use-policy-aup](http://www.esafetymodel.eu/group/community/acceptable-use-policy-aup).
- › Regularly review the Mobile Phone Policy to ensure that it is fit for purpose and that it is being applied consistently across the school. The fact sheets on Using mobile phones at school ([www.esafetymodel.eu/group/community/using-mobile-device-in-schools](http://www.esafetymodel.eu/group/community/using-mobile-device-in-schools)) and School Policy ([www.esafetymodel.eu/group/community/school-policy](http://www.esafetymodel.eu/group/community/school-policy)) will provide helpful information.

### Reporting and Incident-Handling

- › 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.
- › It's good that you have a clear School Policy on handling out-of-school eSafety incidents; is the number of these declining? Start a discussion thread in the community on what other preventative measures or awareness raising activities could be used in order to reduce the number of issues further. Don't forget to anonymously document incidents on the Incident handling form ([www.esafetymodel.eu/group/teacher/incident-handling](http://www.esafetymodel.eu/group/teacher/incident-handling)), as this enables schools to share and learn from each other's strategies.

- › Keep a central log of any cyberbullying incidents which will help to inform staff about the extent of any potential issues and the type of pupil, age etc. that are affected. Also, be sure that you fill in the eSafety Label [Incident handling form](#). Your input will contribute to building a data base of successful incident-handling practices from schools across Europe that you can use in the future.
- › Check that your School Policy includes all necessary information for teachers about handling issues when pupils knowingly or even inadvertently access illegal or offensive material online by going to the guidance set out by the [teachtoday.de/en](http://teachtoday.de/en) website ([tinyurl.com/9j86v84](http://tinyurl.com/9j86v84)). If such incidents arise in your school, make sure you anonymously fill out the eSafety Label Incident handling form ([www.esafetylevel.eu/group/teacher/incident-handling](http://www.esafetylevel.eu/group/teacher/incident-handling)) so that other schools can benefit from your experience.

## 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?
- › It is good practice that the school policy includes information about risks with potentially non-secured devices, such as smartphones and that reference is made to it. Consider sharing your school policy via the uploading evidence tool, also accessible through the [My school area](#).

## Pupil practice/behaviour

- › It is good that pupils have the possibility to shape school activities when discussing eSafety, be it extra-curricular and curricular ones, based on what is going on in their daily lives. This way they will be more engaged and it also allows the teacher to recognise real life issues.

## School presence online

- › While your school has an online presence, pupils cannot take part in shaping it. Explore if there could be a way to involve pupils, maybe as part of a digital council. It's a great opportunity to learn about media literacy and related issues. It also can help to establish a peer network of support. Find out more about in the eSafety Label fact sheet.

# Practice

## Management of eSafety

- › It is good that the job description outlines that the member of staff responsible for ICT needs to keep up to date with new technologies. In addition, it would be good to regularly send the ICT responsible to trainings/conferences so (s)he can keep up with new features and risks. Check out the [Better Internet for Kids portal](#) to stay up to date with the latest trends in the online world.
- › In your school, teachers are responsible for their own pupils' online activity. There are many network security and user privacy, audit and procedural tool checks and balances that need to take place to ensure the safety of your pupils and the school networks, and these should be laid down in your School Policy. See our fact sheet on

School Policy at [www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/school-policy](http://www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/school-policy).

To ensure this happens as efficiently and often as necessary, we advise that the Principal of your school appoints one individual staff member to look after eSafety management in the school. This person will be responsible for seeing that all aspects included in your School Policy are discussed and looked at with other teachers as well as with pupils in the classroom.

To ensure that every staff member, pupil and parent is aware of her or his online rights and responsibilities, see the fact sheet on Acceptable Use Policy ([www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/acceptable-use-policy-aup-](http://www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/acceptable-use-policy-aup-)).

## eSafety in the curriculum

- › Sexting is an issue which affects many young people. Sharing possible consequences and risks with them is important, as is the opportunity for some discussion around the issue. Sexting should be part of a broad and balanced eSafety 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.
- › Cyberbullying is one of the key issues that helplines are contacted about and can have a devastating effect on pupils' lives. Discuss the topic with pupils from a very early age, maybe in the form of role plays. Also check out the fact sheet on [Cyberbullying](#) for more information.

## Extra curricular activities Sources of support

- › It is good to know that other school services are involved in eSafety issues (e.g. counsellors, psychologists, school nurse). Are they also invited to contribute to developing and regular review of your School Policy? Publish a case study about how this is managed in your school on your school profile page on the eSafety Label project website, so that others can learn from your experience.
- › Ask parents for feedback on the kind of eSafety support which is being provided for them and consider innovative ways to maximise the number of parents who are benefitting from, and accessing it. See the fact sheet Information for parents at [www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/information-for-parents](http://www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/information-for-parents) to find resources that could be circulated to parents and ideas for parent evenings.

## Staff training

- › All teachers should be able to recognise signs of cyberbullying and be aware on how to best proceed. Make sure that your teachers are regularly trained bearing in mind the rapid changes of new technology. Also check the eSafety fact sheet on Cyberbullying at [www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/cyberbullying](http://www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/cyberbullying).
- › All staff need to be regularly updated about emerging trends in eSafety issues. Consider a needs-analysis to determine what different staff need from their 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).

**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.**