

# **eSafety Label - Action Plan**

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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 <a href="https://www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/protecting-your-devices-against-malware">www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/protecting-your-devices-against-malware</a>.
- > 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.

#### Pupil and staff access to technology

- > It is good that in your school computer labs can easily be booked. Consider the option of integrating other digital devices into the lessons as using them provides best practise for pupils in dealing with new media. Ensure that safety issues are also discussed.
- 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 <a href="https://www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/use-of-removable-devices">www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/use-of-removable-devices</a> to make sure you cover all security aspects.
- > Consider whether banning mobile devices is a rule that is fit for purpose and if your school might want to allow digital devices for some class activities. You could develop as part of your Acceptable Use Policy a section on how digital technologies can and cannot be used in the classroom; see the fact sheet on Using Mobile Phones at School (www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/using-mobile-device-in-schools).

## **Data protection**

> It is good that your school provides training materials on the importance of protecting devices, especially portable ones. Please consider sharing those with others through the in . Also ensure that your materials are regularly reviewed to ensure they are in line with the state of the latest technology.

#### **Software licensing**

- > It is good practise that the member of staff responsible is fully aware of installed software and their license status.
- > 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**

- > 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.
- 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.

# **Policy**

## **Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)**

- 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 <a href="https://www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/acceptable-use-policy-aup-">www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/acceptable-use-policy-aup-</a>.
- > It is good that school policies are reviewed annually in your school. Ensure that they are also updated when changes are put into place that could affect them. All staff should be aware of the contents of the policy.
- > 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?

## **Reporting and Incident-Handling**

- 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 website (tinyurl.com/9j86v84). If such incidents arise in your school, make sure you anonymously fill out the eSafety Label Incident handling form (www.esafetylabel.eu/group/teacher/incident-handling) so that other schools can benefit from your experience.
- 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).

#### **Staff policy**

> 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 <a href="My school area">My school area</a>.

#### **Pupil practice/behaviour**

- > When discussing eSafety pupils at your school can sometimes provide feedback on the activities. Involve them as much as possible so that the teacher recognises real life issues while the pupils are more engaged.
- 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 <u>My school area</u> of the eSafety portal so that other schools can learn from it.
- You have defined electronic communication guidelines in your Acceptable Use Policy and this would be a useful example of good practice for other schools. Can you create a tutorial about electronic communication guidelines for pupils and upload it to your school profile via your <u>My school area</u> so that other schools can benefit from your experience.

#### **School presence online**

Check the fact sheet on Taking and publishing photos and videos at school (www.esafetylabel.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**

Technology develops rapidly. Consider sending the member of staff responsible for ICT to trainings and/or conferences regularly to keep them updated on new features and risks. Check out the <u>Better Internet for Kids portal</u> to stay up to date with the latest trends in the online world.

#### eSafety in the curriculum

- It is good practice that all pupils in all year groups in your school are taught about eSafety. It continues to be important to review regularly the curriculum provision to ensure it meets ever-changing needs. If you have a curriculum review process of this kind, it would be helpful to other schools if you could publish this on your school profile. To upload go to your My school area.
- > 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 <a href="Myschool area">Myschool area</a>.

- > You may want to consider including sexting in your child protection policy to help to ensure a consistent wholeschool approach to dealing with any incidents.
- It is good practise that in your school Cyberbullying is discussed in the curriculum with pupils from a young age.

#### **Extra curricular activities**

- It is good that you provide eSafety support for your pupils outside curriculum time when asked. Consider offering all pupils support to deal with online safety issues. It may be helpful to provide a "surgery" to help pupils to set their Facebook privacy etc. The eSafety Label portal provides resources that will be useful for this; check out the fact sheet on Pupils' use of online technology outside school at <a href="https://www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/pupils-use-of-online-technology-outside-school">www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/pupils-use-of-online-technology-outside-school</a>.
- > Consider carrying out a simple survey in order to establish what pupils are doing when they go online. This will help to inform eSafety education within the school. Share your survey questionnaire and results in the eSafety Label community via your <a href="My school area">My school area</a> (avoiding publishing any personal information) so that other schools can benefit from your work and even share their results with you for comparative purposes.
- Use Safer Internet Day as a mechanism to get the whole school community involved with online safety. The information and resources available at <a href="https://www.saferinternetday.org">www.saferinternetday.org</a> offer an ideal opportunity to promote peer advocacy activities.

### **Sources of support**

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 <a href="www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/information-for-parents">www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/information-for-parents</a> 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 <a href="https://www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/cyberbullying">www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/cyberbullying</a>.

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 <a href="Upload evidence">Upload evidence</a> on the <a href="My school area">My school area</a> 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 <a href="Forum">Forum</a>, and your <a href="my reporting of incidents">reporting of incidents</a> on the template provided are all also taken into account.