E-Safety

E-Safety concerns safeguarding children, young people and staff in the digital world. This policy encompasses

not only Internet technology but also electronic communications via mobile phones and wireless technology.

This policy will help support and protect children, young people and staff when using technology in our setting.

The Internet is an unmanaged, open communications channel. All staff need to protect themselves from legal

challenge and ensure they work within the boundaries of professional behaviour.

We respect employee’s right to a private life, however we must ensure that they do not disclose any of the Setting’s confidential information, insult or slander Playgroup, its employees or parents; bring the setting into disrepute, or disclose personal data or information about any individual that could breach the Data Protection Act 1998

Internet Access

When accessing the internet:

• Do not browse, download, upload or distribute any material that could be considered offensive, illegal or

discriminatory

• Ensure that your online activity, both in work and outside, will not bring Westfield Playgroup, or your

professional role into disrepute.

• You have a duty to report any E-Safety incident which may impact on you, your professionalism or Westfield Playgroup.

Children’s Access

We use Tablets in playgroup to promote children’s development. These do not have access to the internet to

enable us to ensure e safety.

Playgroup’s mobile is used alongside a staff member to google information that the children are interested in or to find out answers to questions they ask.

Cyber Bulling

We are committed to ensuring that all staff are treated with dignity and respect at work. Bulling and

harassment of any kind will not be tolerated in the work place. Cyber bulling methods could include using text

messages, mobile phone calls, instant messenger services, or by posting comments on web sites, blogs or in chat

rooms.

E-Safety @ Home

Please be aware of e-safety issues when allowing children to use internet enabled devices at home, it is very

easy for children to accidently access inappropriate material and therefore we strongly suggest pre-school

children should be supervised when accessing the internet. [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com) smartie the penguin has online stories for 3-7 year olds, he learns how to be safe on the internet.

For more information, please visit the CEOPs page www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents