



The Eliot Bank and Gordonbrock Schools Federation



e-Safety Home School Agreement for Parents and Carers

We ask all children, young people and adults involved in the life of The Eliot Bank and Gordonbrock Schools Federation to sign an Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) to outline how we expect them to behave when they are online, and/or using school networks, connections, internet connectivity and devices, cloud platforms and social media both when on school site and outside of school.

Your child has also signed an AUP which is available to view on our website: <https://www.gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk/acceptable-use-policy-for-pupils/>. This is shared with the pupils and signed in school.

We tell your children that they should not behave any differently when they are out of school or using their own device or home network. What we tell pupils about behaviour and respect applies to all members of the school community, whether they are at home or school:

You can read The Eliot Bank and Gordonbrock Schools Federation's full Online Safety Policy (<https://www.gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk/online-safety-policy/>) for more detail on our approach to online safety and links to other relevant policies (e.g. Safeguarding Policy, Behaviour Policy, etc).

If you have any questions about this AUP or our approach to online safety, please speak to your child's class teacher, in the first instance.

Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for Parents / Carers

1. I understand that Gordonbrock Primary School uses technology as part of the daily life of the school when it is appropriate to support teaching & learning and the smooth running of the school, and to help prepare the children and young people in our care for their future lives.
2. I understand that the school takes every reasonable precaution to keep pupils safe and to prevent pupils from accessing inappropriate materials, including through behaviour policies and agreements, physical and technical monitoring, education and support and web filtering.
3. School network protections will be superior to most home filtering. However, please note that accessing the internet always involves an element of risk and the school cannot be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed through the internet and mobile technologies. Schools are asked not to overblock or provide an experience which is so locked down as to block educational content or not train pupils for life in an online world.
4. I understand that internet and device use in school, and use of school-owned devices, networks and cloud platforms out of school is subject to filtering and monitoring.
5. I understand and will help my child to use any devices at home in the same manner as when in school, including during any remote learning periods.
6. I will support my child to follow the school's policy regarding bringing devices to school. Phones will be turned off upon entering the playground, handed to the class teacher and can be collected at the end of the day.
7. I understand that my child might be contacted online on Google Classroom, Mathletics, Collins Big Cat E-Library, TT Rockstars and Numbots by teachers in their year group, phase leader_ and only about their learning, wellbeing or behaviour. If they are contacted by someone else or staff ask them to use a different app to chat, they will tell another teacher. They can speak to any of their trusted adults in school to report this. In turn this will be reported to the DSL.
8. I will promote positive online safety and model safe, responsible and positive behaviours in my own use of technology, including on social media: not sharing other's images or details without permission and refraining from posting negative, threatening or violent comments about others, including the school staff, volunteers, governors, contractors, pupils or other parents/carers.
9. Parents are kindly asked not to call pupils on their mobile phones during the school day; urgent messages can be passed via the school office.
10. The impact of social media use is often felt strongly in schools, which is why we expect certain behaviours from pupils when using social media. I will support the school's social media policy and not encourage my child to join any platform where they are below the minimum age.
11. I will follow the school's digital images and video guidance, which outlines when I can capture and/or share images/videos. I will not share images of other people's children on social media and understand that there may be cultural or legal reasons why this would be inappropriate or even dangerous. The school sometimes uses images/video of my child for internal purposes such as recording attainment, but it will only do so publicly if I have given my consent on the relevant form.

12. I understand that for my child to grow up safe online, s/he/they will need positive input from school and home, so I will talk to my child about online safety and refer to parentsafe.lgfl.net for advice and support on safe settings, parental controls, apps and games, talking to them about life online, screen time and relevant topics from bullying to accessing pornography, extremism and gangs, sharing inappropriate content etc...
13. I understand that my child needs a safe and appropriate place to do home learning, whether for homework or during times of school closure. When on any video calls with school, my child will be fully dressed and not in bed, and the camera angle will point away from beds/bedding/personal information etc. Where it is possible to blur or change the background, I will help my child to do so.
14. If my child has online tuition, I will refer to the Online Tutors – Keeping children Safe poster and undertake necessary checks where I have arranged this privately, ensuring they are registered/safe and reliable, and for any tuition to remain in the room where possible, ensuring my child knows that tutors should not arrange new sessions or online chats directly with them.
15. I understand that whilst home networks are much less secure than school ones, I can apply child safety settings to my home internet and to various devices, operating systems, consoles, apps and games. There are also child-safe search engines e.g. swiggle.org.uk and YouTube Kids is an alternative to YouTube with age appropriate content. Find out more at parentsafe.lgfl.net
16. I understand that it can be hard to stop using technology sometimes, and I will talk about this to my child, and refer to the principles of the Digital 5 A Day: childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/our-work/digital/5-a-day/
17. I can find out more about online safety at Gordonbrock Primary School by reading the full Online Safety Policy (<https://www.gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk/online-safety-policy/>) and can talk to [insert specific names or roles, e.g. form tutor, class teacher, etc] if I have any concerns about my child/ren’s use of technology, or about that of others in the community, or if I have questions about online safety or technology use in school.

To Be Completed By Parents / Carers¹

I / We have read, understood and agreed to The Eliot Bank and Gordonbrock Schools Federation Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for Parents / Carers

Parents / Carers can I can find out more about online safety at Gordonbrock Primary School by reading the full Online Safety Policy (<https://www.gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk/online-safety-policy/>)

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Name of Child: _____

Date: _____

¹ Parent / Carers will be invited to complete an electronic version of this form via Google Forms.