

# **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**

- > 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 <a href="https://www.europa.eu/youth/EU\_en">www.europa.eu/youth/EU\_en</a> for examples of discussions that can take place in the classroom on this topic, through role-play and group games.
- > It is good practice that your ICT services are regularly reviewed, updated and removed if no longer in use.

#### Pupil and staff access to technology

> Ensure that the policy on mobile phones is being applied consistently throughout the school. Take a look at the fact sheet on Using Mobile Phones at School (<a href="www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/using-mobile-device-in-schools">www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/using-mobile-device-in-schools</a>).

#### **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.
- > It is good that all users are attributed a different password by the system in your school. Remind all school members never to write their given password down anywhere, certainly not on a sticker on a computer! Also, ensure that the Acceptable Use Policy reminds staff and pupils to keep their passwords secure and not share them with others
- It is good that your school provides materials on the importance of protecting devices, especially portable ones.
  Ensure that staff are aware of these and use them. This material should be pointed out to new staff as part of their induction. Please consider uploading those as evidence at <u>evidence</u> and sharing with others in the forum.

Also ensure that your materials are regularly reviewed to ensure they are in line with the state of the latest technology.

# **Software licensing**

- > Ensure that all staff are aware of the procedure for purchasing new software and that all licenses are appropriate for the number of pupils and staff that will be using them. The <a href="End-user license agreement">End-user license agreement</a> section in Wikipedia will provide useful information for understanding terms and conditions and comparing software agreements.
- > It is important to ensure that all new staff are briefed about the effective processes you have for the installation of new software. This will mean that the security of your systems can be maintained and that staff can try out new software applications that will help teaching and learning.

#### **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.

# **Policy**

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

- > It is excellent that eSafety is an integral part of several school policies. Do all staff make reference to it when appropriate through their teaching? Look for examples of good practice and share these with staff and pupils.

  Produce a short case study to highlight this good practice and upload it to your profile on the eSafety Label portal via your My school area as inspiration for other schools.
- > 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?
- > 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.

### **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.
- It is good practice to log cyberbullying incidents that occur in your school centrally, as you are contributing to building a data base of successful incident handling practices from schools across Europe that you and others can use in future. Make sure that pupils sign up to anti-bullying guidelines in your Acceptable Use Policy.
- > 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.

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

# **Pupil practice/behaviour**

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 eSafety in the curriculum

- It is commendable that you are able to provide an eSafety curriculum that keeps up with emerging issues.

  Continue to make use of new resources as they are made available. Can you upload to your school profile an outline of how you design the curriculum and links to some of the resources you use this would be most helpful for other schools.
- 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.
- 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 My school area.
- > It is good that you are making a specific reference to sexting within your child protection policy as this is a

growing issue that many young people are having to deal with. It is also important to ensure that you are providing appropriate education for pupils about this issue.

#### Extra curricular activities

- > Gather feedback from pupils to see what sort of additional eSafety support they would benefit from outside curriculum time. Could they be involved in delivering some of this to their peers? Check the resource section on the eSafety Label portal to find resources that will help them do 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>.
- It is good to know that you are frequently using the online eSafety resources from your national Safer Internet Centre. Have you found these resources helpful in your school? Please send your feedback on their use and value to <a href="mailto:info-insafe@eun.org">info-insafe@eun.org</a>.

# **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.

#### Staff training

- In your school knowledge exchange between staff members is encouraged. This is beneficiary to the whole school. Upload PowerPoints, documents or similar of knowledge exchanges on eSafety topics via the uploading evidence tool, accessible also via the Myschool area.
- Your school makes sure that every teacher is trained on cyberbullying. Please share resources that are used in these trainings via uploading them to your <u>My school area</u>. Are you also monitoring the effect that this training had on the number of incidents?
- It is good practise that you provide information to teachers on the technology used by pupils in their freetime.

  This is important as this awareness is the first step in addressing the issue of powering down for school. At the same time pupils should not be asked to do their homework using technology not available to them outside of schools. You might want to have a look at the Essie Survey of ICT in schools.

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