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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.

### Pupil and staff access to technology Data protection

- › You have a good policy of encrypting pupil data and storing it safely. Ensure all new staff made aware of the procedures for encryption and data handling and that there is a named point of contact acting as the data controller for your school. Upload to your school profile some guidelines about protecting sensitive data through an encryption system so that other schools can benefit from your experience.
- › You have a good policy of keeping your learning and administration environments separate. It is good to ensure that staff training on managing these environments is up to date as you continue to review your policies. Share your policy with other eSafety Label users by uploading it to your school profile.
- › 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.
- › 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.

### 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 [End-user license agreement](#) section in Wikipedia will provide useful information for understanding terms and conditions and comparing software agreements.

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

## IT Management

- › There is a mechanism set up in your school that allows any staff member to make a request for new hardware/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 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.

## 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.

### Reporting and Incident-Handling

- › 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](http://www.inhope.org)).
- › Please share the materials in which you tackle these issues especially with pupils and parents in the of the eSafety Label portal.
- › 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.esafetylabel.eu/group/teacher/incident-handling](http://www.esafetylabel.eu/group/teacher/incident-handling)), as this enables schools to share and learn from each other's strategies.

### 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 [My school area](#).

### 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 [My school area](#) of the eSafety portal so that other schools can learn from it.

## School presence online

- › It is important that a designated member of staff has an overview of any social networking profiles set up by representatives of your school. Check the fact sheet on Schools on social networks ([www.esafetymlabel.eu/group/community/schools-on-social-networks](http://www.esafetymlabel.eu/group/community/schools-on-social-networks)) for further information to make sure that good practice guidelines have been followed. Consider setting up a school social media profile to facilitate monitoring and showcase initiatives and achievements, as this can be a useful dissemination tool.
- › It is good that pupils can give feedback on the school's online presence. Think about creating a space that is entirely managed by pupils. 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.
- › Check the fact sheet on Taking and publishing photos and videos at school ([www.esafetymlabel.eu/group/community/taking-and-publishing-photos-and-videos-at-school](http://www.esafetymlabel.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

- › Ensure that the governor or board member appointed for eSafety has the opportunity to receive regular training and also to ensure that colleagues are aware of eSafety issues. Involve your governing body in the development and regular review of your School Policy. See our fact sheet on School Policy [www.esafetymlabel.eu/group/community/school-policy](http://www.esafetymlabel.eu/group/community/school-policy).

### eSafety in the curriculum

- › 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.
- › 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.
- › It is good that sexting has been integrated into wider online safety education across the school. Are you able to assess the impact of this education? Does it help pupils to modify their behaviours? How do you know?
- › 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](#).

## Extra curricular activities

- › 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 [My school area](#) (avoiding publishing any personal information) so that other schools can benefit from your work and even share their results with you for comparative purposes.
- › Try to develop further the engagement of pupils in peer mentoring and provide them with more opportunities to share their thoughts and understanding with their peers. Also check out the resource section of the eSafety Label portal to get further ideas and resources.

## Sources of support

- › It is great that in your school pupils are actively encouraged to become eSafety mentors. You might want to share your approach to strengthening this network with other teachers on the eSafety Label website via the forum or your school's profile page, so that others can replicate it.
- › 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.esafetymal.eu/group/community/information-for-parents](http://www.esafetymal.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.esafetymal.eu/group/community/cyberbullying](http://www.esafetymal.eu/group/community/cyberbullying).

**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.**