



RISK ASSESSMENT: Esafety for Children

Service Name: St Dunstan's Kindergarten

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Purpose

This risk assessment identifies potential e-safety risks for children aged 3–5 years and outlines control measures to ensure safe, age-appropriate use of digital technology within the kindergarten setting.

1. Access to Inappropriate Content

Risk: Children may accidentally view unsuitable images, videos, or websites.

Who may be harmed: Children

Control Measures:

- Use child-friendly devices with parental controls enabled
- Restrict internet access to approved, age-appropriate websites and apps only
- Use safe search settings and content filters on all devices
- Adult supervision at all times when devices are in use

Risk Level: Low

2. Excessive Screen Time

Risk: Overuse of digital devices may impact physical activity, social interaction, or wellbeing.

Who may be harmed: Children

Control Measures:

- Limit screen time in line with early years guidance
- Use technology only for short, planned learning activities
- Balance digital activities with physical play, outdoor learning, and hands-on experiences

Risk Level: Low

3. Online Communication Risks

Risk: Children could be exposed to online communication features such as messaging or comments.

Who may be harmed: Children

Control Measures:

- Disable chat, messaging, and social features on all apps and platforms
- Do not allow children to create accounts or profiles
- Use apps designed specifically for early years education

Risk Level: Very Low

4. Data Protection and Privacy

Risk: Personal data or images of children could be shared inappropriately.

Who may be harmed: Children, families

Control Measures:

- Obtain written parental consent for photos/videos
- Store digital data securely with password protection
- Do not share children's images or information online without permission
- Follow data protection and safeguarding policies

Risk Level: Low

5. Lack of Understanding of Online Safety

Risk: Children may not understand what is safe or unsafe online.

Who may be harmed: Children

Control Measures:

- Teach basic e-safety concepts in an age-appropriate way (e.g. asking an adult for help)
- Use stories, songs, and visuals to explain safe technology use
- Encourage children to talk to staff if something worries them

Risk Level: Medium (managed)

6. Device Misuse or Damage

Risk: Devices may be dropped, damaged, or used unsafely.

Who may be harmed: Children

Control Measures:

- Use sturdy, age-appropriate devices with protective cases
- Teach children how to handle devices safely
- Supervise use at all times

Risk Level: Low

Overall Assessment

With appropriate supervision, controls, and policies in place, the risks associated with e-safety for children aged 3–5 years are low and manageable.

Review and Monitoring

- This risk assessment should be reviewed annually or when new technology is introduced
 - Staff training on e-safety and safeguarding should be updated regularly
 - Parents should be informed of the setting's e-safety approach
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