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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 but is sometimes bypassed for certain applications. While there may be some arguments for bypassing it, it is usually inadvisable to do so. If it is decided that the school policy will permit this, then it should only be implemented by an authorised technical manager and then on a restricted time basis.
- › It is very good that all your school devices are virus protected. Make sure you also have included a paragraph on virus protection in both your school policy and your Acceptable Use Policy, and ensure that staff and pupils rigorously apply school guidelines. If you need further information, check out the fact sheet on Protecting your devices against malware at [www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/protecting-your-devices-against-malware](http://www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/protecting-your-devices-against-malware).
- › 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 [www.europa.eu/youth/EU\\_en](http://www.europa.eu/youth/EU_en) for examples of discussions that can take place in the classroom on this topic, through role-play and group games.

### Pupil and staff access to technology

- › It is great that in your school laptops/tablets are easily accessible within a lesson. Using them provides best practise for pupils in dealing with new media. Ensure that safety issues are also discussed.
- › Since staff and pupils can use their own equipment on your school network, it is important to make sure that the Acceptable Use Policy is reviewed regularly by all members of the school and adapted as necessary. It must be discussed with pupils at the start of each academic year so that they understand what is in place to protect them and their privacy, and why. Base the policy around behaviour rather than technology. Visitors must also read and sign the Acceptable Use Policy before they use the school's network.
- › All staff and pupils are allowed to use USB memory sticks in your school. This is good practice, and your Acceptable Use Policy should stipulate that all removable media is checked before use in the school systems. Check the fact sheet on Use of removable devices at [www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/use-of-removable-](http://www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/use-of-removable-)

[devices](#) to make sure you cover all security aspects.

## Data protection

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

## IT Management

- › In your school only the head master and/or IT responsible can acquire new software. Consider putting a system into place where teachers can ask for new software in a non-bureaucratic and timely fashion. This allows teachers to create a more engaging lesson without the temptation of unauthorized copying and its inherent dangers and costs.

# Policy

## Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

- › 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 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

- › 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](http://teachtoday.de/en) website ([tinyurl.com/9j86v84](https://tinyurl.com/9j86v84)). If such incidents arise in your school, make sure you anonymously fill out the eSafety Label Incident handling form ([www.esafetymail.eu/group/teacher/incident-handling](http://www.esafetymail.eu/group/teacher/incident-handling)) so that other schools can benefit from your experience.

- › It is a pity not to share the details and solutions applied to bullying incidents both with the staff members and via the eSafety Label incident handling form. Only in this way can you learn through experience and the successful incident handling practices of others. You should also make sure that anti-bullying guidelines are given to pupils and staff in your Acceptable Use Policy.

## Staff policy

- › In your school user accounts are managed in a timely manner. This is important as it decreases the risk of misuse.
- › You have guidelines in your Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) on teachers' classroom usage of mobile phones. Upload your AUP to your school profile as it is a model of good practice that can help other eSafety Label schools.

## Pupil practice/behaviour 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](http://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.
- › Regularly check the content of the school's online presence on social media sites to ensure that there are no inappropriate comments. Set up a process for keeping the site/page up to date, and check the fact sheet on Schools on social networks ([www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/schools-on-social-networks](http://www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/schools-on-social-networks)) for further information to make sure that good practice guidelines have been followed. Get feedback from stakeholders about how useful the profile is.
- › You have a dedicated person to monitor your school's online reputation, and this is good practice. Always be aware of any new sites that may not be immediately apparent through a regular search. Keep up to date with the latest sites and monitor these periodically, as they can be particularly damaging for schools and their pupils and staff if they present a negative viewpoint.
- › 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.

# Practice

## Management of eSafety

- › It is good that you have a designated member of staff responsible for eSafety. Consider whether it would be helpful to have an eSafety committee comprising members from all groups of stakeholders. Ensure that this person is involved in the development and regular review of your School Policy. She or he should not only be informed, but should also fill out the Incident handling form whenever an incident arises at [www.esafetylabel.eu/group/teacher/incident-handling](http://www.esafetylabel.eu/group/teacher/incident-handling).
- › Technology develops rapidly. Consider sending the member of staff responsible for ICT to trainings and/or conferences regularly to keep them updated on new features and risks. Check out the [Better Internet for Kids](#)

[portal](#) to stay up to date with the latest trends in the online world.

## eSafety in the curriculum

- › It is excellent that consequences of online actions are discussed with pupils in all grades. Terms and conditions need to be read to fully understand contractual conditions. This can also concern aspects of data privacy. Another important topic is breach of copyright. Please share the materials used through the uploading evidence tool, accessible also via the [My school area](#).
- › It is good practise that in your school Cyberbullying is discussed in the curriculum with pupils from a young age.
- › 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.

## 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.

## Sources of support

- › All staff should have some responsibility for eSafety. School counsellors, nurses, etc. are all well placed to provide advice and guidance on these issues and should be invited to contribute to developing and regularly reviewing your School Policy. Make the maximum use of their knowledge and skills and consider whether it is appropriate to provide training for them.
- › 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.esafetylevel.eu/group/community/information-for-parents](http://www.esafetylevel.eu/group/community/information-for-parents) to find resources that could be circulated to parents and ideas for parent evenings.

## Staff training

- › Consider ways to facilitate knowledge exchange between staff members. This could be in form of an online community with a platform, an email exchange or within a frame of staff initiated meetings. A school in which all staff members are aware of eSafety related issues is a much safer school. Suggest eSafety related topics for these sessions.
- › It should be a real benefit to your pupils that all staff receive regular training on eSafety issues. Continue to gather feedback from staff on the medium- and long-term benefits of the training and consult the eSafety Label portal to see suggestions for training courses at [www.esafetylevel.eu/group/community/suggestions-for-online-training-courses](http://www.esafetylevel.eu/group/community/suggestions-for-online-training-courses).

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.