



Computer safety policy

At Poppleton Road Out of School Club we recognise the benefits of the children having access to laptops and computer games. We also understand that children should be encouraged to participate in other activities. Therefore, the laptops are used sparingly (mainly in bad weather) and each child is allowed 20 minutes on the laptop. This is monitored by a timer and the children are encouraged to take some responsibility for their own turn taking; for example, ending their turn at the end of the timer.

The children are allowed access to the internet but we have rules in place to ensure that they are safe online. Parental controls have been implemented and the children are not allowed access to YouTube or social networking sites. As well as this, the children are not allowed to set up profiles, use websites which require them to input email addresses or passwords, or talk to other people online. The laptops are positioned so they can be seen by all members of staff. One member of staff will always supervise the children while they are using the laptops. The children are encouraged to tell a member of staff if they are worried about anything they have seen online.

The children are also able to make use of the Wii and Xbox. Again, the consoles are used sparingly and there is a time limit for each child. All of the games are age appropriate for the children at the club. If children bring games from home, these games are also checked for age appropriateness.

Children are not allowed to bring in laptops, tablets, mobile phones, kindles or any other electronic devices which has a camera facility in line with our Safeguarding policy. If a child does bring in a device with a camera it will be confiscated and kept safe until the child's parent comes to collect them. Both the child and parent will then be reminded of the rule. Children are also discouraged from bringing in any other kind of electronic device and if children do bring in a device without a camera they are encouraged to leave them in their bag or pass them to a member of staff.



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