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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

- › You have differentiated levels of filtering in your school which is an excellent policy. A good policy still needs to be regularly updated - is the system being regularly updated? How often are sites requested to be blocked or unblocked? Periodically evaluate whether it is fit for purpose and involve all stakeholders in this process. In addition, bear in mind that 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 for examples of discussions that can take place in the classroom on this topic, through role-play and group games.
- › 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.
- › 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

- › 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.
- › Consider whether banning mobile devices is a rule that is fit for purpose and if your school might want to allow digital devices for some class activities. You could develop as part of your Acceptable Use Policy a section on how digital technologies can and cannot be used in the classroom; see the fact sheet on Using Mobile Phones at School (www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/using-mobile-device-in-schools).

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

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

- › 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)

- › 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?
- › Regularly review the Mobile Phone Policy to ensure that it is fit for purpose and that it is being applied consistently across the school. The fact sheets on Using mobile phones at school (www.esafetylevel.eu/group/community/using-mobile-device-in-schools) and School Policy (www.esafetylevel.eu/group/community/school-policy) will provide helpful information.
- › It is good that you have an Acceptable Use Policy for all members of the school community. Regularly review the AUP to ensure that it is still fit for purpose; to ensure that your AUP is sufficiently comprehensive, take a look at the fact sheet and check list on Acceptable Use Policy at www.esafetylevel.eu/group/community/acceptable-use-policy-aup-.

Reporting and Incident-Handling

- › Accessing illegal material may in itself be an illegal act. It is essential that staff are told exactly what they must do if pupils knowingly or inadvertently access illegal or offensive material online. You can find clear guidance on how to develop your policy regarding this issue on the teachtoday.de/en website (direct link: tinyurl.com/9j86v84). If such incidents arise in your school, make sure you anonymously fill out the eSafety Label Incident handling form (www.esafetylevel.eu/group/teacher/incident-handling) so that other schools can benefit from your experience.

- › 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), as this enables schools to share and learn from each other's strategies.

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 [My school area](#) so that other schools can benefit from your good practice?
- › 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

- › Electronic communication guidelines for pupils should be clearly communicated in the Acceptable Use Policy. Communication between pupils can rapidly degenerate if school-wide standards are not set, giving rise to incidents such as cyberbullying. Learning about effective, responsible communication should also be part of the school curriculum, as it is a necessary competence for every young person. Discuss this at a staff meeting in order to define the standards you want to implement.

School presence online

- › We recommend that you specifically nominate a web-experienced staff member to periodically check the school's online reputation. Monitoring such an important aspect on an ad hoc basis only is insufficient. Remember that this is the image that prospective parents will receive when they search for your school online.
- › Having an official school page on some of the more widely used/popular social networking sites can be useful for parents, pupils and the broader public if you use it to publicise your actions and events. However, exercise care when setting this up to ensure that someone from the school has control over posts etc. Check the fact sheet on Schools on social networks (www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/schools-on-social-networks) for further information.

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.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/school-policy.
- › In your school, teachers are responsible for their own pupils' online activity. There are many network security and user privacy, audit and procedural tool checks and balances that need to take place to ensure the safety of your

pupils and the school networks, and these should be laid down in your School Policy. See our fact sheet on School Policy at www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/school-policy.

To ensure this happens as efficiently and often as necessary, we advise that the Principal of your school appoints one individual staff member to look after eSafety management in the school. This person will be responsible for seeing that all aspects included in your School Policy are discussed and looked at with other teachers as well as with pupils in the classroom.

To ensure that every staff member, pupil and parent is aware of her or his online rights and responsibilities, see the fact sheet on Acceptable Use Policy (www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/acceptable-use-policy-aup-).

- › 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.

eSafety in the curriculum

- › 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.

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.
- › Use Safer Internet Day as a mechanism to get the whole school community involved with online safety. The information and resources available at www.saferinternetday.org offer an ideal opportunity to promote peer advocacy activities.

Sources of support

- › Young people are more open to advice from their peers. Consider offering optional courses and/or school rewards on eSafety topics or similar that stimulate expert knowledge in pupils that then could become a point of reference for their peers.
- › It is great that you have a staff member which is knowledgeable in eSafety issues who acts as a teacher of confidence to pupils.

Staff training

- › All staff need to be regularly updated about emerging trends in eSafety issues. Consider a needs-analysis to determine what different staff need from their training and consult the eSafety Label portal to see suggestions for training courses at www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/suggestions-for-online-training-courses.

- 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 [My school area](#).

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.