

The Jungle Day Nursery & Cheeky Monkeys Nursery Ltd

Policy No 36-05

Child Protection –Internet Policy

Where internet services are accessible within the nursery setting, and where these are available for use by children, this policy defines the arrangement in place to minimise the vulnerability of the children to inappropriate websites:

1. All computers have a username and password to get on to the computer which only staff members have access to. Under no circumstances will children be left with unsupervised access to the internet and after each session the internet will be disconnected.
2. The internet can be a vulnerable place for children and it is entirely possible to inadvertently access website containing 'adult' / offensive , or otherwise inappropriate, material. For this reason, children's use of internet is restricted to educational and learning purposes only. Children are not permitted to access chat rooms or engage in web surfing for personal use.
3. The main office PC is fitted with firewall which places a protective barrier between the internet and PC's data files.
4. Within the concept of the firewall the nursery subscribes to an internet privacy service which performs the following functions:
 - Acts as an outbound data blocker to prevent this data being accessed by hackers or malicious websites.
 - Enforces access controls for children, effectively limiting their exposure to on line threats.
 - Set time restrictions for access to the internet, e.g. during nursery hours only.
 - Preventing children from being exposed to inappropriate material is considered to be a critical issue of child protection and is considered to be implicit in our duty of care. Therefore, any instance of a staff member deliberately accessing 'adult' or offensive material through the nursery computer system will be viewed as a serious offence, leading to summary dismissal of the offender and possible criminal prosecution.

Signed by _____

Date _____

Review Date _____

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