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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. Ensure that the provision and management of the firewall are regularly reviewed and updated, as and when required.
- › Although asking users to define their own filtering is a good way to encourage responsible use, most school-aged pupils are not mature enough to make an informed decision about the level of filtering they should be using. The school, or at the very least the teacher, needs to decide on what level of filtering is used. This can be done after discussion with the class to make them aware of the reasons for any filter that is installed. Pupils' parents would typically prefer that filtering is set by the school or teacher as young people are often not aware of what they could come across by accident, whether potentially harmful or illegal. However, 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.

Pupil and staff access to technology

- › 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.esafetylevel.eu/group/community/use-of-removable-devices to make sure you cover all security aspects.

Data protection

- › It is good that your school provides training materials on the importance of protecting devices, especially portable ones. Please consider sharing those with others through the in . Also ensure that your materials are regularly reviewed to ensure they are in line with the state of the latest technology.
- › You have a good policy of encrypting pupil data and storing it safely. Ensure all new staff made aware of the procedures for encryption and data handling and that there is a named point of contact acting as the data controller for your school. Upload to your school profile some guidelines about protecting sensitive data through

an encryption system so that other schools can benefit from your experience.

- › It is good that all users are attributed a different password by the system in your school. Remind all school members never to write their given password down anywhere, certainly not on a sticker on a computer! Also, ensure that the Acceptable Use Policy reminds staff and pupils to keep their passwords secure and not share them with others.

Software licensing

- › You need to make sure that all the software in your school is legally licensed and that copies of the licences are held centrally. You also need to check with whoever supports your IT systems that the software will not compromise system security. Your school should develop a clear policy for software acquisition and it is good practice to centralise this process wherever possible.
- › 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

- › It is good practice to ensure that the person in charge of the ICT network is fully informed of what software is on school-owned hardware and this should be clearly indicated in the School Policy and the Acceptable Use Policy. The person responsible for the network needs to be able to guarantee conformity with licensing requirements and that new software won't interfere with network operation.
- › There is a mechanism set up in your school that allows any staff member to make a request for new hardware/software - a request that leads to an informed decision within a reasonable amount of time. This is great as this way teacher can benefit from new technologies while still staying inline with school policy.

Policy

Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

- › 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.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/acceptable-use-policy-aup-.
- › 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

- › It is good practice to log cyberbullying incidents that occur in your school centrally, as you are contributing to building a data base of successful incident handling practices from schools across Europe that you and others

can use in future. Make sure that pupils sign up to anti-bullying guidelines in your Acceptable Use Policy.

Staff policy

- › In your school user accounts are adjusted within a weeks delay if the role of staff or pupil changes. Investigate if this process could be optimised. The quicker that unused accounts are deactivated/adjusted, the less 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.
- › It is good practice that the school policy includes information about risks with potentially non-secured devices, such as smartphones and that reference is made to it. Consider sharing your school policy via the uploading evidence tool, also accessible through the [My school area](#).

Pupil practice/behaviour

- › You have defined electronic communication guidelines in your Acceptable Use Policy and this would be a useful example of good practice for other schools. Can you create a tutorial about electronic communication guidelines for pupils and upload it to your school profile via your [My school area](#) so that other schools can benefit from your experience.
- › Your school has a school wide approach of positive and negative consequences for pupil behaviour. This is good practice, please share your policy via the [My school area](#) of the eSafety portal so that other schools can learn from it.

School presence online

- › 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.
- › Integrate into your school policy a section on photographs and digital images of, and by, pupils, parents and staff. The person responsible for eSafety needs to develop this in collaboration with the staff and the school board. The fact sheet on Taking and publishing photos and videos at school (www.esafetymodel.eu/group/community/taking-and-publishing-photos-and-videos-at-school) will provide a good starting point.

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.esafetymodel.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 all staff in your school are responsible for eSafety. However, it is good practice to appoint a person who will have overall responsibility for eSafety issues to provide the focus needed. Ideally this should be someone from the senior leadership team. 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 very good that, in your school, pupils are taught from an early age on about responsibilities and consequences when using social media. Please share any resources through the uploading evidence tool, accessible also via the [My school area](#).
- › 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.
- › It is good practice that all pupils in all year groups in your school are taught about eSafety. It continues to be important to review regularly the curriculum provision to ensure it meets ever-changing needs. If you have a curriculum review process of this kind, it would be helpful to other schools if you could publish this on your school profile. To upload go to your [My school area](#).

Extra curricular activities

- › It is good to know that you are frequently using the online eSafety resources from your national Safer Internet Centre. Have you found these resources helpful in your school? Please send your feedback on their use and value to info-insafe@eun.org.

Sources of support

- › It is good to know that other school services are involved in eSafety issues (e.g. counsellors, psychologists, school nurse). Are they also invited to contribute to developing and regular review of your School Policy? Publish a case study about how this is managed in your school on your school profile page on the eSafety Label project website, so that others can learn from your experience.

Staff training

- It is good practise that you provide information to teachers on the technology used by pupils in their freetime. This is important as this awareness is the first step in addressing the issue of powering down for school. At the same time pupils should not be asked to do their homework using technology not available to them outside of schools. You might want to have a look at the [Essie Survey of ICT in schools](#).
- All teachers should be able to recognise signs of cyberbullying and be aware on how to best proceed. Make sure that your teachers are regularly trained bearing in mind the rapid changes of new technology. Also check the eSafety fact sheet on Cyberbullying at www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/cyberbullying.

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.