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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

- › It is good practice that your ICT services are regularly reviewed, updated and removed if no longer in use.
- › You urgently need to get virus protection for devices that need to be protected on the school network and adopt consistent school-wide practice on virus protection. Just one infected device can contaminate the school's whole network and certain types of virus can even save illegal content to your server.  
You should also include 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. 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).

### Pupil and staff access to technology

- › The fact that staff and pupils are allowed to use USB memory sticks in your school following permission, would require that all staff concerned receive adequate training to be able to know when they can be used safely. Is this the case? To keep your systems secure whilst allowing staff and pupils you also need to include the ground rules in your Acceptable Use Policy. Check the fact sheet on Use of removable devices at [www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/use-of-removable-devices](http://www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/use-of-removable-devices) to make sure you cover all security aspects.
- › Ensure that the policy on mobile phones is being applied consistently throughout the school. Take a look at the fact sheet on Using Mobile Phones at School ([www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/using-mobile-device-in-schools](http://www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/using-mobile-device-in-schools)).

### Data protection

- › It is good that your school records are stored in a safe environment, it is also necessary that they are archived and disposed with in line with the Data Protection Act. Ensure that a good records management system is put in place. Check the according fact sheet for more information.
- › 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.

- Your new users are given a standard password and are asked to generate their own password on their first access. Passwords offer unique entry points into the school computing system and some basic rules of password security should be rigorously applied. For further information, read the fact sheet on Safe passwords at [www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/safe-passwords](http://www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/safe-passwords).

Include these rules in your Acceptable User Agreement and avoid giving new users a standard "first access" password.

## Software licensing

- Your school has set a realistic budget for software needs. This is good. Ensure that it remains this way. You might also want to look into alternatives, e.g. Cloud services or open software.
- 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.

## 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)

- It is good that school policies are reviewed annually in your school. Ensure that they are also updated when changes are put into place that could affect them. All staff should be aware of the contents of the policy.

## Reporting and Incident-Handling

- 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.
- Ensure that all staff, including new members of staff, are aware of the guidelines concerning what to do if inappropriate or illegal material is discovered on a school machine. Ensure, too, that the policy is rigorously enforced. A member of the school's senior leadership team should monitor this.

## 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?

- › 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.
- › 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

- › When discussing eSafety pupils at your school can sometimes provide feedback on the activities . Involve them as much as possible so that the teacher recognises real life issues while the pupils are more engaged.
- › 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.

## 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.
- › 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.

# 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).
- › In addition to a clear designation of responsibility to ensure that all necessary network security and user privacy checks are in place, it is essential that schools also have audit and procedural checks at regular intervals. Without this, a school will be leaving itself vulnerable. See our fact sheet on School Policy at [www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/school-policy](http://www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/school-policy).

Although there should always be an overall lead person on eSafety just as you have in your school, everybody in the school has a shared responsibility to secure any sensitive information used in their day to day professional duties. Even staff not directly involved in data handling should be made aware of the risks and threats and how to minimise problems. Use our fact sheet Acceptable Use Policy

([www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/acceptable-use-policy-aup-](http://www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/acceptable-use-policy-aup-)) to ensure that everyone plays their part in ensuring they are all the best and safest digital citizens they can be.

## eSafety in the curriculum

- It is good that eSafety is taught as part of the curriculum in your school. Ensure that all staff are delivering eSafety education where appropriate throughout the curriculum and not just through ICT or Personal Social and Health lessons. You/your staff may find some useful ideas and resources in the fact sheet Embedding eSafety in the curriculum at [www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/embedding-online-safety-in-curriculum](http://www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/embedding-online-safety-in-curriculum).
- It is good practise that in your school Cyberbullying is discussed in the curriculum with pupils from a young age.
- 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](#).

## Extra curricular activities Sources of support

- It is great that in your school pupils are actively encouraged to become eSafety mentors. You might want to share your approach to strengthening this network with other teachers on the eSafety Label website via the forum or your school's profile page, so that others can replicate it.
- 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.
- There is a school counselor in your school though not trained on eSafety issues. Investigate if there is a training course that this teacher could follow in order to be better equipped to help pupils dealing with issues related to new media.

## Staff training

- It is important that teachers are aware 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. Ensure that all teachers are provided with information of this. 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](http://www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/cyberbullying).

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.