**General Welfare Requirement: Safeguarding and Promoting Children’s Welfare**

The provider must take necessary steps to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

**General Welfare Requirement: Suitable People**

Providers must ensure that adults looking after children, or having unsupervised access to them, are suitable to do so.

**10.1 E-safety Policy**

**Policy Statement**

St John’s Playgroup has a commitment to keeping children safe and healthy and the e-safety policy operates at all times under the umbrella of the Safeguarding Policy.

**EYFS key themes and commitments**

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| **A Unique Child** | **Positive Relationships** | **Enabling Environments** | **Learning and Development** |
| 1.3 Keeping safe | 2.1 Respecting each other  2.2 Parents as partners | 3.4 The wider context | 4.4 Personal, social & emotional development |

At St. John’s playgroup we want staff and children to be protected when using any form of Ict

**Aims**

Our aims are to act responsibly and the following guidelines should be followed for your protection. At St. John’s we want to work with children, parents and the community to ensure the safety of children and to give them the very best start in life.

* Ensure all electronic communication with children, parents, carers, staff and others is compatible with your professional role and in line with the policies of the setting.
* Do not talk about your professional role in any capacity when using social media such as Facebook and YouTube.
* Do not put online any text, image, sound or video that could upset or offend anyone connected to your setting, member of the community or be incompatible with your professional role.
* Use your organisations or setting’s ICT systems and resources for all official business. This includes your work email address, work mobile phone or photography equipment.
* Only take images of children and/or staff for professional purposes, in accordance with setting policy. Ensure that the parent/carer of any child under 18 has given written consent. Ensure that any images are represented only in a positive context and are removed from your websites when they expire.
* Do not browse, download, upload or distribute any material that could be considered offensive, illegal or discriminatory.
* Ensure that your online activity, both in work and outside, will not bring your organisation or professional role into disrepute. You have a duty to report any E-Safety incident which may impact on you, your professionalism or your organisation.

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| This policy was adopted at a meeting of | Sandbach Heath (St. John’s) Playgroup | name of setting |
| Held on |  | (date) |
| Date to be reviewed |  | (date) |
| Signed on behalf of the management committee |  | |
| Name of signatory |  | |
| Role of signatory (e.g. chair/owner) |  | |

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