

KGGS Governors visit form. Please complete and return to the clerk to governors

Link Governor	Nick Flanagan		
Faculty / Member of staff Visited	Matt Dovey Piers Mayfield	Date	05/03/2020
Purpose of Visit	Annual Link Governor discussion around Online Safety		
Question asked	How is the "Acceptable Use Policy" made available to staff, pupils and parents and how do you confirm it has been read.		
Response – Staff are asked to read and confirm before an IT account is provided. Pupils and parents are provided with an A4 summary and asked to sign to confirm it has been read within a month or so of a pupil being given online access at the School.			
Question asked	Does the school participate in local or national events to promote Online Safety awareness?		
Response – The school used to participate in Safer Internet Day, but they now feel that the attention needed for Online Safety goes beyond a focus on single events and have instead imbedded in the day to day culture.			
Question asked	How does the school ensure the staff are kept up to date with Online Safety training?		
Response – Matt recalls that is probably a couple of years since undertook specific Online Safety training but that there is e-safety training which forms part of the Safeguarding training which is carried out more frequently. As specialists on the subject, Matt and Piers keep themselves current using external reference points such as the NSPCC share aware site or the Educe forum			
Question asked	How does the school protect against the threat of Malware or Ransomware etc		
Response – The school has very strong filters in place for incoming email for both staff and pupils. Certain file types with known potential issues are automatically referred to IT for opening. There is ongoing education about opening emails that appear suspicious and again Matt keeps himself current by using specialist IT forums that highlight new threats.			
How did the visit go? What did you learn? What were your impressions?			
The school Online Safety policy has been updated in 2020 with a small number of changes with the depth of the policy being very good and all the obvious issues, in my view, being covered.			

Both Matt and Piers appear very knowledgeable on their subject matter and both came across as very dedicated to ensuring Online Safety was a top priority at the School.

Earlier in the School year I saw Piers undertake an Online Safety briefing for new Year 7 pupils and parents. The content outlined the age appropriate curriculum that the girls would undertake throughout years 7, 8 and 9 and then in Key stages 4 & 5 which is designed to make them aware of the risks and potential consequences of online usage. I thought Piers did a very good job of balancing how explaining the school was working to protect the girls whilst delivering some quite hard hitting content that clearly made some in the room uncomfortable but fully engaged in what he was explaining.

I asked both Matt and Piers if they thought the School could be doing anymore with regards to Online Safety or whether the Governors could provide any support to them. Both felt that the School was giving the subject the necessary level of importance it deserved and they made the time needed to do their jobs. Piers commented that he felt a further Online Safety briefing to the Year 9 parents would be very beneficial as the threat to this age group upwards is higher and the landscape would likely have changed considerably since the Year 7 version. He did think that any presentation would need to form part of a wider school content to ensure a higher level of attendance from busy parents.

In terms of Governor help, the only suggestion from Matt and Piers was if any of us had access to any external speakers that might be prepared to come and talk to the girls about Online Safety.

Overall, I came away very impressed with the people overseeing Online Safety at the school and the actions being taken to protect the pupils and staff. I thanked Matt and Piers for their time and the job they were doing on behalf of the Governors.

Signed: *Nick Flanagan* Date: 13/04/2020