eSafety Label - Action Plan



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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 very good that all your school devices are virus protected. Make sure you also have included 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. If you need further information, check out the fact sheet on Protecting your devices against malware at www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/protecting-your-devices-against-malware.
- > 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.

Pupil and staff access to technology

- It is good that in your school computer labs can easily be booked. Consider the option of integrating other digital devices into the lessons as using them provides best practise for pupils in dealing with new media. Ensure that safety issues are also discussed.
- > To have a policy that does not allow staff and pupils to use USB sticks is sensible and cautious but sometimes there are instances when use of USBs/removable media might be acceptable. To ensure that secure systems are maintained to the highest standards, include in your Acceptable Use Policy some information on use of removable storage devices. Check the fact sheet on Use of removable devices at www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/use-of-removable-devices to make sure you cover all security aspects.
- Consider whether banning mobile devices is a rule that is fit for purpose and if your school might want to allow digital devices for some class activities. You could develop as part of your Acceptable Use Policy a section on how digital technologies can and cannot be used in the classroom; see the fact sheet on Using Mobile Phones at School (www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/using-mobile-device-in-schools).

Data protection

It is good that your email system is protected and that you have a policy for the transfer of pupil data in place. In this regard, it is important to draw up guidelines so that all staff are clear about what to do if they discover inappropriate or illegal content on school machines. For further information see the fact sheet on Protecting

sensitive data (www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/protecting-sensitive-data-in-schools).

> Having your learning and administration environments together can create a security risk. Ensuring security of staff's and pupils' private data is a fundamental role of the school. We recommend that your appointed eSafety manager/ICT coordinator, together with the staff and a technical expert, define and implement a strategy for separating learning and administration environments or ensuring the equivalent highest level of security between them. Read the fact sheet on Protecting sensitive data in schools at www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/protecting-sensitive-data-in-schools.

Software licensing

Compliance with licensing agreements is important. Someone needs to have overall responsibility to ensure that this is happening and that all licenses are valid for purpose. Staff should be briefed on who is the person responsible.

The <u>End-user license agreement</u> 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.
- In your school only the head master and/or IT responsible can acquire new software. Consider putting a system into place where teachers can ask for new software in a non-bureaucratic and timely fashion. This allows teachers to create a more engaging lesson without the temptation of unauthorized copying and its inherent dangers and costs.

Policy

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 <u>My school area</u> as inspiration for other schools.
- In your school policy issues are regularly discussed. This is good practice as it ensures staff and pupils are aware of them. Do pupils and staff also have to sign related documents to confirm their awareness?
- 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 <u>www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/acceptable-use-policy-aup-</u>.

Reporting and Incident-Handling

- > Please share the materials in which you tackle these issues especially with pupils and parents in the of the eSafety Label portal.
- 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.
- 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.
- It's good that you have a clear School Policy on handling out-of-school eSafety incidents; is the number of these declining? Start a discussion thread in the community on what other preventative measures or awareness raising activities could be used in order to reduce the number of issues further. Don't forget to anonymously document incidents on the Incident handling form (<u>www.esafetylabel.eu/group/teacher/incident-handling</u>), as this enables schools to share and learn from each other's strategies.
- > Check that your School Policy includes all necessary information for teachers about handling issues when pupils knowingly or even inadvertently access illegal or offensive material online by going to the guidance set out by the <u>teachtoday.de/en</u> website (<u>tinyurl.com/9j86v84</u>). If such incidents arise in your school, make sure you anonymously fill out the eSafety Label Incident handling form (<u>www.esafetylabel.eu/group/teacher/incident-handling</u>) so that other schools can benefit from your experience.

Staff policy Pupil practice/behaviour

It is good that pupils have the possibility to shape school activities when discussing eSafety, be it extra-curricular and curricular ones, based on what is going on in their daily lives. This way they will be more engaged and it also allows the teacher to recognise real life issues.

School presence online

Regularly check the content of the school's online presence on social media sites to ensure that there are no inappropriate comments. Set up a process for keeping the site/page up to date, and check the fact sheet on Schools on social networks (www.esafetylabel.eu/group/community/schools-on-social-networks) for further information to make sure that good practice guidelines have been followed. Get feedback from stakeholders about how useful the profile is.

Practice

Management of eSafety

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.

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

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

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.

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.
- 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 <u>My school area</u>.
- > It is good practise that in your school Cyberbullying is discussed in the curriculum with pupils from a young age.

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 <u>info-insafe@eun.org</u>.
- Consider sharing the information you have about your pupils' online habits with other schools through the eSafety Label community. You could, for example, upload your latest survey findings on pupils' online habits to your school profile via your <u>My school area</u>.
- How do you organise peer mentoring among pupils on eSafety? Check out the resources of the ENABLE project and share your ideas in the forum of the eSafety Label community so that other schools can benefit from your experience to establish a similar approach.

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.

Staff training

In your school knowledge exchange between staff members is encouraged. This is beneficiary to the whole school. Upload PowerPoints, documents or similar of knowledge exchanges on eSafety topics via the uploading evidence tool, accessible also via the <u>My school area</u>.

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 <u>Upload evidence</u> on the <u>My school area</u> 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 <u>Forum</u>, and your <u>reporting of incidents</u> on the template provided are all also taken into account.

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