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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

- › 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.
- › 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

- › 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 to make sure you cover all security aspects.
- › 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.

Data protection

- › 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. Include these rules in your Acceptable User Agreement and avoid giving new users a standard "first access" password.
- › 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.esafetylevel.eu/group/community/protecting-sensitive-data-in-schools.

Software licensing

- › 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.
- › 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.
- › 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 essential for all schools to have an Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for staff and pupils. Consult with all stakeholders to draw up an AUP urgently. See the fact sheet and check list on Acceptable Use Policy at www.esafetylevel.eu/group/community/acceptable-use-policy-aup.
- › It is good practise that in your school teachers and pupils sign the relevant school policies and that it is discussed with pupils beforehand. Consider having regular meetings to discuss them and where non-conformity is dealt with.

Reporting and Incident-Handling

- › Have teachers received training on dealing with potentially illegal material? Is the procedure clearly indicated in the School Policy and the Acceptable Use Policy which all teachers and pupils have signed? All staff and pupils should be aware that they should report any suspected illegal content to the national INHOPE hotline (www.inhope.org).
- › It is important to have a clearly communicated School Policy on this, and it should be mentioned in the

Acceptable Use Policy too. What is considered to be potentially illegal can vary from person to person, so it is important that this is discussed with staff members and that school standards are set. All members of the school including pupils and teachers must be informed of them and required to respect them.

Staff policy

- › Ensure that all staff, including new members of staff, are aware of the policy concerning online conduct. This should be a topic that is regularly discussed at staff meetings and clearly communicated in the School Policy, and to staff and pupils in the Acceptable Use Policy. Regularly review and update both documents as necessary.
- › In your school user accounts are managed in a timely manner. This is important as it decreases the risk of misuse.
- › New technologies, such as smartphones or other mobile devices bring a new set of risks with them. Ensure that your teachers are aware of those. This way they can avoid the pitfalls when using the devices and also pass the knowledge onto the pupils.

Pupil practice/behaviour

- › Electronic communication guidelines for pupils should be clearly communicated in the Acceptable Use Policy. Communication between pupils can rapidly degenerate if school-wide standards are not set, giving rise to incidents such as cyberbullying. Learning about effective, responsible communication should also be part of the school curriculum, as it is a necessary competence for every young person. Discuss this at a staff meeting in order to define the standards you want to implement.

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.
- › It is good that pupils can give feedback on the school's online presence. Think about creating a space that is entirely managed by pupils. It's a great opportunity to learn about media literacy and related issues. It also can help to establish a peer network of support. Find out more about in the eSafety Label fact sheet.

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.

eSafety in the curriculum

- › It is good practise that in your school Cyberbullying is discussed in the curriculum with pupils from a young age.
- › 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 that sexting has been integrated into wider online safety education across the school. Are you able to assess the impact of this education? Does it help pupils to modify their behaviours? How do you know?
- › It is excellent that consequences of online actions are discussed with pupils in all grades. Terms and conditions need to be read to fully understand contractual conditions. This can also concern aspects of data privacy. Another important topic is breach of copyright. Please share the materials used through the uploading evidence tool, accessible also via the [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

- › Dobro je, da staršem nudite podporo v zvezi z e-varnostjo, ko si to želijo. Premislite, ali bi bilo dobro vse starše redno obveščati prek spletne strani ali prek povezav v šolskem e-glasilu. Morda imate lahko tudi roditeljski sestanek. Poglejte si smernice o informacijah za starše na www.esafetylevel.eu/group/community/information-for-parents, kjer boste našli gradiva, ki jih lahko posredujete staršem, in ideje, ki jih lahko uporabite na roditeljskih sestankih.
- › It is great that you have a staff member which is knowledgable in eSafety issues who acts as a teacher of confidence to pupils.

Staff training

- › All staff need to be regularly updated about emerging trends in eSafety issues. Consider a needs-analysis to determine what different staff need from their training and consult the eSafety Label portal to see suggestions for training courses at www.esafetylevel.eu/group/community/suggestions-for-online-training-courses.
- › 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 [My school area](#).

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.