

# Online Safety

## Policy Statement



United Kingdom  
Mathematics Trust

## Contents

1. [Objectives](#)
2. [Statement of Intent](#)
3. [Online Abuse Definition](#)
4. [Roles and Responsibilities](#)
5. [Procedure for Reporting Online Abuse](#)
6. [Related Policies and Procedures](#)
7. [Policy Governance](#)

## 1. Objectives

1.1 The purpose of this policy statement is to:

- ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and young people is paramount when using the internet, social media or mobile devices;
- provide staff and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to online safety;
- ensure that, as an organisation, we operate in line with our values and within the law in terms of how we use online devices.

1.2 The policy statement applies to all staff, volunteers, children and young people and anyone involved in UKMT events.

## 2. Statement of intent

2.1 The policy provides a consistent framework across UKMT to control online security.

2.2 The UKMT believes that:

- children and young people should never experience abuse of any kind;
- children should be able to use the internet for education and personal development, but safeguards need to be in place to ensure they do so safely.

## 3. Online abuse definition

3.1 Online abuse is any type of abuse that happens on the internet, facilitated through technology like computers, tablets, mobile phones and other internet-enabled devices (Department for Education, 2018; Department of Health, 2017; Scottish Government, 2014; Welsh Assembly Government, 2018).

3.2 It can happen anywhere online that allows digital communication, such as:

- social networks;
- text messages and messaging apps;
- email and private messaging;
- online chats;
- online events;
- comments on live streaming sites;
- voice chat in games.

## **4. Roles and responsibilities**

4.1 All Trustees, volunteers, and members of staff are involved with, and responsible for, the minimisation of risk by adhering to the relevant risk assessments.

4.2 Online abuse needs to be reported to the DSL /DDSLs using the UKMT reporting concern procedure. This can be found in [section 6 of the UKMT safeguarding policy](#).

## **5. Procedure for Reporting Online Abuse**

5.1 All concerns reporting potential online abuse should be reported immediately by following the UKMT process for reporting abuse, which can be found in the [safeguarding policy here](#).

## **6. Policy Governance and Related Policies**

6.1 This Policy is owned by the UKMT's Risk and Compliance Committee and will be reviewed and recommended for approval to the Board of Trustees.

6.2 This policy statement should be read alongside our organisational policies and procedures, including:

- Risk policy;
- Safeguarding, including the reporting procedures and templates;
- Code of conduct for staff and volunteers;
- Anti-bullying policy and procedures;
- Photography and image sharing guidance.