

THE SCHOOL LEADER'S

Guide for Embedding Online Safety Education

A practical, research-informed checklist to help school leaders confidently establish a consistent and lasting approach to online safety education.

SUCCESS FACTOR

LOOKS LIKE IN PRACTICE

Leadership Alignment

Online safety is built into your AIP, wellbeing priorities, or digital strategy and discussed at leadership and staff meetings regularly.

Structured Curriculum

Fortnightly, scaffolded lessons (e.g. 45 mins) based on core values like integrity, empathy, responsibility and digital citizenship.

Dedicated Time

Staff have protected time to deliver, plan, and collaborate on digital safety education, it's not squeezed in or added on.

Reflection & Evidence

Tools like surveys, wellbeing data and student achievement are used to track behaviour change and adjust practice as needed.

Supportive Culture

Online safety is part of the everyday dialogue and reinforced through staff meetings, resource hubs and shared language and visible help-seeking.

LEADER'S ACTION

Use this check list to review your school's current practices or plan your next steps:

- ☒ Online safety is a strategic focus for our leadership team
- ☒ Staff are trained and confident in teaching online safety
- ☒ We follow a clear, sequenced curriculum, not ad-hoc lessons
- ☒ Timetables prioritise online safety and digital wellbeing learning
- ☒ We collect student feedback or wellbeing data to inform and target learning
- ☒ Staff regularly share resources and reflections
- ☒ AI and digital literacy are part of our broader approach
- ☒ Families are kept informed and involved

Want to go further?

- Explore the [Evidence & Impact Research](#)
- Preview [Cyber Safety Project Curriculum](#)
- Book a [Professional Learning](#) session for staff