

Committee	Dated: 04112021
Finance, General Purposes and Estates Committee of the Board of Governors of the City of London Freemen's School	
Subject: Deputy Head's Report on Policies	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	1a, 1b, 1d, 1e
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	No
If so, how much?	n/a
What is the source of Funding?	n/a
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	n/a
Report of: Roland Martin, Headmaster	For Decision
Report author: Stuart Bachelor, Deputy Head	

Summary

This report is for Governor engagement and decision.

- a) Background
- b) Recommendation

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Scrutinise the policy in this report;
- Ask questions of the Deputy Head and Headmaster surrounding this Policy;
- Recommend to the Board that this Policy be approved.

Main Report

a) Background

1. Members will understand that they are responsible for the School's policies and that oversight of them is an important part of their duties.
2. Policies in need of oversight at this meeting are:

Appendix 1: Online Safety Policy

3. Governors will note the addition of a fourth 'C' - Commerce- to the main types of online risk faced by children. Examples of this type of risk include online gambling, inappropriate advertising and financial scamming.

4. Recent incidents have exposed the need for clear rules governing pupil postings to social media, particularly TikTok-style videos, while on the School's premises. In devising these, we have attempted to strike a balance between over-blocking websites and putting pupils' safety- as well the reputation of the School- at risk. This is especially important for boarders, who must be able to enjoy an online social life in the same way as day pupils would. Avoiding over-blocking of websites can also unwittingly encourage pupils to resort to Virtual Private Networks, which are easily downloaded and allow children unfettered access to the internet.

b) Recommendation

FOR DECISION

5. It is recommended that Governors recommend to the Full Board that they approve the Online Safety Policy at their next meeting.

Appendices

- *Appendix 1: Online Safety Policy*

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