

MathsMakers Online Safety Policy

Updated October 2025

Statement of Intent

The Internet and other interactive tools contribute to the education of children and young people. MathsMakers will make full use of online technology to deliver online Maths lessons, in the safest way possible.

MathsMakers will adapt its curriculum to take into account the specific circumstances linked to online learning which may affect pupils.

Children and young people are increasingly able and adept in using online technology. MathsMakers recognises that whilst most children and young people use the Internet responsibly and safely, it is essential that all potential risks are recognised, identified and mitigated.

MathsMakers Directors, the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead understand the breadth of risks to children and are aware of the four areas of risk (the 4Cs) as summarised below:

- **Content:** being exposed to illegal, inappropriate or harmful content, for example, pornography, fake news, racism, misogyny, self-harm, suicide, anti-Semitism, or radicalisation or extremism; being exposed to disinformation, misinformation and conspiracy theories, where Disinformation refers to the deliberate creation and spreading of false or misleading content, such as fake news, and Misinformation refers to the unintentional spreading of this false or misleading content.
- **Contact:** being exposed to harmful online interaction with other users, for example, peer to peer pressure, commercial advertising, and adults posing as children or young adults with the intention to groom or exploit them for sexual, criminal, financial or other purposes;
- **Conduct:** online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes, harm, for example, making, sending and receiving explicit images (e.g. consensual and non-consensual sharing of nudes and semi-nudes and/or pornography, sharing other explicit images, and online bullying);
- **Commerce:** risks such as online gambling, inappropriate advertising, phishing and/or financial scams. If staff feel that either they or pupils are at risk this should be reported to the Anti-Phishing Working Group (<https://apwg.org/>).

The DSL will ensure that all staff and volunteers receive safeguarding training that includes Child Protection and Online Safety. The DSL will ensure that all staff and volunteers understand their expectations, roles and responsibilities before they teach children so that they are able to support children and young people to stay safe online.

MathsMakers will include online safety in their contractual agreement with schools and will ensure that the school's online safety procedures are followed.

Legal Framework

This policy has due regard with the following legislation:

- UK GDPR 2020
- Data Protection Act 2018
- Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE), Department for Education 2025
- UK Council for Child Internet Safety “ Education for a connected world”
- Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023
- Working Together to Improve School Attendance 2024
- Prevent Duty Guidance 2023

This policy needs to be read alongside:

- MathsMakers Child Protection Policy,
- MathsMakers Remote Learning policy,
- MathsMakers Staff Code of Conduct,
- MathsMakers Staff Agreement on Acceptable Use of Technology,
- The Online Safety policies and Child Protection policies and the schools for which MathsMakers is delivering maths intervention programmes.

Creating and managing an E-Safe environment

MathMakers will create an E-Safe learning environment by:

- Ensuring that all staff & volunteers receive training in Online Safety and Safeguarding each year as well as accredited Safeguarding training at least every 2 years;
- Ensuring that all staff and volunteers know how to use the learning platform safely so that only registered students attend the online lessons;
- Keeping a video recording of all online lessons for Safeguarding and quality purposes;
- Storing all sensitive data and video recordings according to Data Protection and GDPR regulations;
- Making sure that Social Media will not be used between staff, parents and children;
- Ensuring that all members of staff and volunteers adhere to the Staff Code of Conduct and the Staff Agreement on Acceptable Use of Technology;
- Ensuring that all staff and volunteers adhere to MathMakers guidance regarding Online Behaviour Management for pupils;
- Ensuring that all MathsMakers devices are properly protected;
- Encouraging the reporting of any concern, however small, to MathsMakers Designated Safeguarding Lead, MathsMakers Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and the school Online Safety Officer.
- Parents/Carers will sign and return a consent form to allow their child to attend MathsMakers online lessons, to confirm that they will abide by school online safety

procedures and to confirm that they will promote the safe use of Internet and digital technology at home. This form will be returned to the school or organisation with which MathsMakers has signed a programmes agreement.

Filtering and Monitoring

MathsMakers will adhere to the online safety policies and procedures of the schools and organisations that are relevant for each of our programmes.

The Board of Directors will ensure that an annual review is undertaken of the MathsMakers approach to online safety, supported by an annual risk assessment that considers and reflects the risks students face online.

MathsMakers will signpost students, parents and carers to the Online Safety policy, procedures and guidance of the school or organisation relevant to each MathsMakers programme.

Most students access online MathsMakers programmes from home, using personal or home devices. MathsMakers will inform parents and carers of the importance of monitoring their child's access to online material. All MathsMakers staff will ensure that the learning resources they share with students do not expose them to inappropriate material or pop-up advertising. In the case of students who access online MathsMakers programmes from home using school devices, MathsMakers relies on the school to have applied all necessary and relevant filtering arrangements, in accordance with current KCSIE statutory guidance. It includes filtering to stop access to material which supports terrorism or extremist ideas linked to terrorism.

Use of MathsMakers Devices and Personal Devices by MathsMakers Staff

MathsMakers devices and personal devices will be protected and used by staff in line with the MathsMakers Staff Agreement on Acceptable Use of Technology and MathsMakers Remote Learning Policy.

MathsMakers will ensure that all MathsMakers devices are appropriately protected as follows:

- Firewalls,
- Malware protection,
- Filtering systems,
- Mail security technology,
- Tracking technology,
- Password protection & encryption,
- Any other protection necessary.

MathsMakers will use a safe teaching platform and ensure that it has a protection setting acceptable to the school.

Where possible, a school member of staff from the Maths Department or the Intervention Coordinator will be able to access or sit in on part, or all, of any MathsMakers online lesson.

All MathsMakers staff/volunteers will be provided with relevant safeguarding contact details, including

- MathsMakers Designated Safeguarding Lead and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead;
- School Designated Safeguarding Lead and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead;
- Borough MASH team details/Safeguarding Hub.

Next Review: October 2026

Adopted by the Board of Directors

Signed: Helena Mullins

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helena Mullins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'H' and 'M'.

Date: 9th October, 2025