

# Keeping children safe online at the Elliot Foundation Academy Trust (TEFAT)



# What are we changing?

- The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust (TEFAT) has a responsibility to keep children safe both in our schools and online
- TEFAT is implementing a system called eSafe to help us keep children and staff safe online
- 'Be safe' ... on your school account, on a school or home device



# Why do we need eSafe?

- TEFAT are using computers more and more to deliver learning online, both within the school and at home
- eSafe are experts in managing online safeguarding risks in school environments. They currently work across 1,500 schools in the UK helping to keep children safe in the digital world.
- eSafe have been selected to work with the Trust after a review of online safeguarding products available to schools



# What do we mean by online safeguarding risk?

- Online safeguarding risks fall into three main areas:-
  - **Content:** limiting children's exposure to illegal, inappropriate or harmful material
  - **Contact:** protecting children from being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users
  - **Conduct:** monitoring personal online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes harm



# What is eSafe – how does it work?

- eSafe detects, reviews, assesses and escalates safeguarding risks
- It does this by raising an alert when a TEFAT school account is used inappropriately
- The incident is analysed by eSafe’s safeguarding specialists and then links into the school’s safeguarding process, if appropriate



# What will be flagged by eSafe – what is considered inappropriate use?

- eSafe will flag activity on a TEFAT school account in the following areas: -
  - Illegal behaviour
  - Bullying
  - Mental health
  - Racism
  - Pornography
  - Child sexual exploitation
  - Profanities and vulgarities



# What devices does eSafe work on?

- If a child is logged on to their school Google account on any device (personal or school owned), eSafe will monitor usage to flag any safeguarding concerns
- Children must log off from their school Google account after use to deactivate eSafe monitoring



# How do I know if my child is logged into their school account and eSafe is active?



- If a child is logged on to their school Google account on any device (personal or school owned) the eSafe logo as shown above will appear in the top bar on the screen
- If the eSafe logo is visible it shows that eSafe **is** monitoring use
- Ensure your child logs out of their school account after use in the usual way



If you have any eSafe questions please contact the Safeguarding Lead at your school.

If you would further support regarding logging on and off from your school account please ask your school.

