

Bracknell Forest Local Safeguarding Children Board

Safeguarding children together

e-SAFETY STRATEGY

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Although these outcomes were written with the 'real world' in mind, many apply to the 'virtual world' that children and young people may encounter when they use technology in its various forms. Technology is not going to go away and, for many, the online world is their reality as they communicate, create, discover and be entertained in a virtual environment.

Children and young people are increasingly using technology in school, out and about and at home. Its benefits are huge in improving life skills and educational achievement and they should be allowed the opportunity to learn from the wide variety of material available online.

However, the misuse of technology does pose dangers and it is important that we raise awareness of the dangers, minimise risks and offer information to safeguard children and young people.



Ethnicity

- The 2001 Census showed that 90.6% of the population is White British, with the BME population being 5.9%.
- School Census data, collected annually indicates that the number of school pupils from the BME population is growing, with 4% in 2001, 11.6% in 2006 and 13.9% in January 2008.
- The School Census 2008 also showed that the number of different languages identified in school aged children totalled 70 [including English]. It is important to note that whilst a significant number of languages are spoken they are in very small numbers, presenting more of a challenge when looking at the distribution of support and resources.

Deprivation

- Bracknell Forest is generally affluent [ranked 320 out of 354] on the Indices of Multiple Deprivation [ONS 2007] where 1 is the most deprived and 354 is the least deprived, Bracknell Forest is therefore seen as an area that does not experience the problems associated with deprivation.
- The proportion of children living in poverty in Bracknell Forest is lower than the England average [BF-10.9% / EA -22.4%], there are around 2,500 children [8%] living in low income households [APHO & DH 2008]. Poverty is currently measured as the % of families living on means tested benefits.
- The total % of lone parents is lower than the South East [18.4%] and England and Wales averages for 2001 [22.9%].

