



PRESS RELEASE

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Heatherlands Primary School is recognised for its commitment to helping pupils stay safe online

**Heatherlands *is now a*
*National Online Safety Certified School***

Heatherlands has successfully completed a comprehensive online safety training programme demonstrating its commitment to keeping children and young people safe online.

The primary school – has received a National Online Safety Certified School Accreditation for its whole school community approach to protecting children in the online world.

National Online Safety is a multi-award winning digital training provider with extensive resources in online safety, developed in line with the Department of Education’s statutory requirements.

Its CPD accredited courses and educational resources support UK schools in educating the whole school community in online safety– including all senior leaders, teachers, all school staff and parents – on how to make the internet a safer place for children.

James Southworth, co-founder of National Online Safety, said: “Congratulations to everyone at Heatherlands on becoming a National Online Safety Certified School. By completing our training programme, the school has shown its strong commitment to implementing an effective whole school approach to online safety.”

“It can be increasingly difficult for schools and parents to stay ahead of online threats and ensure both children and staff are safeguarded from potentially harmful and inappropriate online material. We arm schools with the knowledge they need to understand online dangers and react in the best way possible to any problems.”

Mr Churchill, Head teacher at Heatherlands, said: “Online safety is a priority, as in these changing times, the internet is the back up to face to face teaching that we now have to embrace.”

Any schools that would like to discuss their online safety provision or would like access to up to date online safety learning resources, are encouraged to contact National Online Safety on 0800 368 8061.



NOTES TO EDITORS

For more information or images, contact the National Online Safety press office on 0800 368 8061 or email press@nationalonlinesafety.com. High-res imagery available upon request.

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About National Online Safety

National Online Safety are a multi-award winning provider of CPD accredited courses and educational resources which help to support schools in their online safety provision. We equip school leaders, staff, parents and pupils with the knowledge they need to understand online dangers by adopting a 'whole school approach' towards online safety, with a belief that safeguarding children online does not stop at the school gates.

We pride ourselves on being at the forefront of online safeguarding for children and young people. Our team are passionate and dedicated to delivering innovative and engaging content which can be accessed anywhere in the world, anytime, using any device. The highly responsive nature of the company means that we are constantly updating our training and learning materials to meet both changes in statutory and regulatory guidance released by the Department for Education.

Our Certified Schools Membership responds to current DfE statutory policy around online safety, including the revised 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' guidance, which came into effect in September 2021. The package includes award-winning online safety e-learning, resources and updates for the whole school community, including designated roles, teachers, non-teaching staff governors, pupils and parents/carers.