Acceptable Usage Policy (AUP) or E-Safety Policy for nurseries: top tips

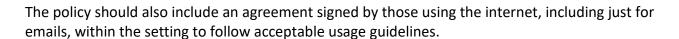**With young children now using parent's phones, tablets and computers, it is important to teach them how to stay safe online from an earlier age.**

We also need to be supporting parents to ensure they can help to keep their children safe too. All early years settings have a duty to ensure that children are protected from potential harm both within and beyond the learning environment.

You can support this with an Acceptable Usage Policy (AUP) or E-Safety Policy.

An AUP or E-safety Policy should cover:

- How the internet is used within the setting
- What the internet is used for within your setting
- Who has access to the internet within your setting
- How the setting ensures everyone is kept safe including staff, parents, children and any other adults visiting the setting e.g. volunteers and students.

The policy should also include an agreement signed by those using the internet, including just for emails, within the setting to follow acceptable usage guidelines.

The internet is a great tool for learning, however, it is important to do everything we can to safeguard the children in our care whilst they use it.