**E safety and Data protection**

At the URC the managers have been on data and e safety training led by the Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Board. We follow the guidelines relevant to us as set out by Hertfordshire e safety board found at <http://www.thegrid.org.uk/eservices/safety/policies.shtml>.

In practice, we only ever use the internet with the children on specific websites and they are never left unsupervised.

**Our aims are to carry out this policy by;**

* Promoting children’s rights to be strong, resilient and listened to by creating an environment in our setting that encourages children to develop a positive self image, which includes their heritage arising from their colour, ethnicity, their languages spoken at home, their religious beliefs, cultural traditions and home background.
* Promoting children’s rights to be strong, resilient and listened to by enabling children to develop a sense of autonomy and independence.
* Promoting children’s right to be strong, resilient and listened to by enabling children to have the self confidence and the vocabulary to resist inappropriate approaches.
* Helping children to establish and sustain satisfying relationships within their families, with their peers and with adults
* Working with parents to build their understanding of and commitment to the principles of safeguarding all our children.

We have a leaflet on the staff notice board on the risks and safety on the internet which parents are welcome to a copy of should they wish.

The legal framework for this work is:

**Primary legislation**

* The Children Act 1989
* The Protection of Children Act 1999
* Data Protection Act 1998
* The Children Act 2004 (Every Child Matters)

**Guidance**

* What to do if you are worried a child is being abused (2004)
* The Framework for the Assessment of Children in Need and Their Families (2000)
* Working Together to Safeguard Children (revised 1999)
* The Common Framework 2005

***Secondary Legislation***

* Sexual Offences Act (2003)
* Criminal Justice and Court Services Act (2000)
* Human Rights Act (1999)
* Race Relations (Amendment) Act (2000)