

Within the past 20 years, access to the internet and the use of social media has become fairly integral to modern lives. As a result, rather than trying to block access, BSC YL have adapted its programmes and course material to suit the needs and expectations of its students.

Nonetheless, BSC YL centre staff should attempt to limit students' time online as they have come to BSC YL to improve their English. As such, unless they are working on a project or speaking to their family, it is recommended that staff attempt to engage students' other interests.

Access

BSC YL endeavour to ensure to provide Wi-Fi access to all students, IGLs and BSC YL team members during their stay at the centre.

Users are required to supply their own devices and must follow to provider's and BSC YL usage guidelines.

Usage & social media guidelines

Regardless of the platform being used to engage in social media communication, in attempt to keep everyone involved safe, all students, IGLs and BSC YL staff must abide by the following:

- Make sure they know to whom they are speaking.
- Never give out personal details.
- Never arrange to meet someone they don't know.
- Never look at images or content that make them feel uncomfortable.
- Never engage in bullying.
- Never accept contact between staff and students.
- Under 18s:
 - Refrain from viewing content which is age restricted.
 - Refrain from distributing content which is age restricted.

Failure to comply with these will result in disciplinary measures (see Disciplinary Policy) being taken.

Monitoring & breaches

Some centres will monitor which websites are visited and will provide DSPs and YL Central with weekly updates of what content was accessed and will flag any content which could be in breach of the guidelines.

If there are any concerns about the above, the DDSP/DSP must be notified immediately and a BSC YL Safeguarding Disclosure of Concern Form must be completed. Outcomes will need to be followed by completing the BSC YL Safeguarding Full Disclosure Form.

In severe cases, the Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCB) may need to be contacted. If so, the centre's DDSL must have been made aware prior to submission and the BSC YL LSCB Referral Form must be included.

Teaching platforms

BSC YL uses Zoom as its teaching platform.

IT & Social Media Acceptance Use Policy

When teaching online, teachers should remove IDs from meetings and lock access to the meeting. Additionally, it is important for teachers to be aware of BSC YL's Safeguarding Policy in relation to online lessons.

Identical to being in a regular classroom, inappropriate student behaviour must be reported and the student should be removed from lesson.

All teaching staff, including BSC Young Learners Ltd teachers, need to have been hired through safer recruitment and must have received an induction on how to teach BSC YL's course material.