**DEVELOPING INTERNET SAFETY POLICY IN MY SCHOOL**

internet helps in searching, sharing and communicating but if it is misused, it also causes problems. That is the reasons why safety internet policy is necessary for internet users. The policies hereafter can be developed at my school.

* **FOR TEACHING STAFF**
* At my school teachers should check the use of digital technologies such as: mobile devices, cameras, ... in lessons and other school activities.
* in my school, Students or pupils should be guided by teachers to websites checked as fitting for their use and that processes are in place for dealing with any inappropriate material found in internet websites when students are in lessons where internet is being used.
* The teaching staff should establish or make a timetable for going in Computer lab and using internet so that the students cannot be in computer labs every time.
* in my school Students or pupils should be guided by teachers to sites checked as suitable for their use and that processes are in place for dealing with any unsuitable material that is found in internet websites when students are in lessons where internet is being used.
* Teachers should prohibit learners from visiting illegal websites and watching movies that lead them to misbehave.
* Teachers should equip learners with internet skills so that they can use it accordingly.
* **FOR TECHNICAL STAFF**
* The technical staff should set user accounts and strong passwords to prevent the misuse of internet. They should also change those passwords after a period of time.
* If possible, the technical staff should use a monitoring software to control what is being done on the internet.
* Technical staff should block the illegal websites.
* They should make sure that Computer lab is secured, closed or opened in the appropriate hours.
* **FOR STUDENTS**
* Students should have internet skills so that they can use it accordingly.
* Learners should not use digital devices when they are studying a lesson that does not require internet unless they are asked by the teacher to do so for research.
* The pupils should have a common understanding regarding the importance, rules and bad effects of using internet.
* A student who misuses the internet should be reported and punished.
* **FOR PARENTS**
* Parents should also intervene by setting up rules and guidelines for their children regarding the use of digital devices, internet and social media.

**BARRIERS TO SETTING UP THESE POLICIES**

1. Insufficient budget (economic or financial means) for buying controlling software and building adequate infrastructures.
2. Irresponsibility. setting up these policy is a fruit of combined efforts but somewhere, it seems like it is for one person. (no teamwork)
3. Untrained Technical staff. That is, some technical staff do not have adequate skills about internet or digital devices.
4. When some websites are blocked, they are other people who do not have access to those sites while they wanted to do so.
5. students are not equipped with internet skills to use it accordingly.