AI Transparency Statement for Murdishaw West Community Primary School

At Murdishaw West Community Primary School, we are committed to the responsible and ethical use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies within our educational environment. This transparency statement outlines our approach to integrating AI, ensuring that all stakeholders are informed about its purpose, benefits, and associated risks.

Purpose of AI Use
We recognise that AI has the potential to enhance educational outcomes and experiences for our children.

Our primary aims in utilising AI include:
- Enhancing Academic Outcomes: AI tools, specifically SLT AI and Teachmate AI, are employed to improve educational experiences and teaching for our children.
- Supporting Teachers: AI assists in managing workloads more efficiently, allowing educators to focus on teaching and learning.
- Educating on AI Use: We promote safe, responsible, and ethical practises regarding AI among staff and children.
- Developing AI Literacy: AI is integrated as a teaching tool to build understanding and skills related to AI technologies.
- Preparing for the Future: We equip staff and children for a future where AI is integral to various sectors and industries.
- Promoting Educational Equity: AI is utilised to address learning gaps and provide personalised support for all children.

Commitment to Ethical Practises
We are dedicated to ensuring that the use of AI adheres to ethical standards and safeguards the rights of our children and staff. Our policy includes:
- Data Protection: We comply with UK GDPR and other relevant data protection regulations. Sensitive and personal data are protected, and staff are trained to use AI responsibly, ensuring that only anonymised data is input into AI systems.
- Human Oversight: AI should assist, not replace, human decision-making. Staff must ensure that final judgments, particularly those affecting individuals, are made by humans, and critically evaluate AI-generated outputs.
- Transparency in Reporting: We have established clear reporting systems for any incidents involving AI misuse or data breaches. All reports will be treated seriously and responded to promptly.
- Training and Awareness: We provide comprehensive training for staff on the effective, responsible, and ethical use of AI technologies, specifically, SLT AI and Teachmate AI.

Engagement with Stakeholders
We believe that transparency and communication are vital in fostering trust and understanding regarding our use of AI. We engage with:
- Staff: All staff members are required to read and understand our AI policy and associated guidelines. They are encouraged to report any concerns or incidents related to AI use.
- Parents and Carers: We actively share information about our use of AI through newsletters, online platforms, and curriculum information. Parents are encouraged to voice any concerns they may have.

- Children: Our educational programmes include teaching children about the ethical use of AI, preparing them for a future where AI plays a significant role in various aspects of life.

Conclusion

Murdishaw West Community Primary School is committed to using AI responsibly and transparently, ensuring that it enhances educational experiences while safeguarding the rights and well-being of all stakeholders. We will continue to review and update our practises to align with evolving standards and best practises in AI usage.

For further information or inquiries regarding our AI practises, please contact the school office.