How we use AI at Beechwood Primary School

Introduction

Generative artificial intelligence (AI) is a type of technology that can create new content such as text, images, or ideas by learning from large amounts of information. At Beechwood Primary School, we recognise the potential benefits of AI to support our pupils, staff, and leaders. AI can help personalise learning, reduce administrative workload, and assist in planning and feedback, allowing teachers to focus more on teaching and pupils to receive tailored support. We are committed to using AI responsibly, ensuring it is safe, secure, and enhances the educational experience for everyone.

Evaluation Process

Before using any AI tool, we carefully evaluate it to make sure it is safe, secure, and appropriate for the intended purpose. This includes considering the benefits and any potential risks, ensuring compliance with data protection laws, and safeguarding our pupils. Our professional staff apply their judgement to ensure that any AI-generated content is accurate and suitable within our curriculum context.

Current Tools and Usage

At Beechwood Primary School, we currently use the following AI tools:

- ChatGPT: Used by staff to support lesson planning and generate ideas for educational resources. This helps reduce workload and allows teachers to focus on delivering high-quality teaching.

- Canva AI: Utilised to create engaging visual materials and presentations for lessons, making learning more accessible and enjoyable for pupils.

- SLT AI: Employed by school leaders to assist with administrative tasks and data analysis, improving efficiency and allowing more time to focus on pupil outcomes.

These tools are chosen for their ability to support our teaching and leadership teams effectively while maintaining high standards of safety and appropriateness.

Reassurance and Non-Usage

We want to be clear about what AI is not used for at Beechwood Primary School:

- Making life decisions: AI is not used to make important decisions affecting pupils' wellbeing or futures, as these require human judgement and understanding.

- Children's reports: AI does not generate pupils' progress or assessment reports. These are carefully written by teachers who know the pupils personally and understand their achievements and needs.

Using AI in these sensitive areas would not be appropriate due to the need for personalised, professional, and ethical considerations.

Contact Information

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about our use of AI, please do not hesitate to contact Beechwood Primary School. We are happy to discuss how we use these technologies to support our pupils and ensure a safe, responsible approach.

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Beechwood Primary School is committed to transparency and the safe, effective use of AI to enhance learning and teaching.