Step - Privacy, security and copyright

Task

Look at the activities below. Which do you think are acceptable? Which do you think are not acceptable?

1. A teacher records some lessons for her own professional development. The learners are unaware of this.	2. A teacher gets a teenager's parent's permission before logging onto a website outside their normal learning platform.
3. A teacher shares a learner's work on social media to highlight something interesting.	4. A teacher has a list of their students' email addresses on a noticeboard behind their desk where they teach their online lessons.

Answers

1. Recording a lesson without the learner's knowledge is **NOT ACCEPTABLE** even if you're only going to watch it back yourself for professional development purposes. It's important that teachers get written permission from their learners or their learners' parents before making any kind of video recordings or taking any kind of screenshots.

2. Asking a learner to log onto another website is **ACCEPTABLE** when you have permission. In fact, it's necessary to get permission from a young learner's parents before asking them to register with a website outside their normal learning platform. It's also important to look at the privacy policy of any such website to make sure that the learners' data will be kept private so you can ensure their online privacy.

3. Sharing a learner's work on social media is **NOT ACCEPTABLE** unless the learner/learner's parents have given permission. Even with permission, it's morally questionable and teachers should carefully consider whether sharing anything from their lessons is in the best interests of their student.

4. Displaying student's personal data where people might see it is **NOT ACCEPTABLE**. It's important for a teacher to keep any personal data private. Make sure that you keep any information like this in a secure

place and make sure that the students you teach can't see any private information behind or around you when they take lessons with you.