



Acceptable Use of ICT Policy Agreement – Parents/Carers

Digital technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people, both within schools and outside of school. These technologies provide powerful tools which open up new opportunities for everyone. They can stimulate discussion, promote creativity and stimulate awareness of context to promote effective learning. However, they also present challenges, safeguarding concerns, mental health concerns among other things on the negative side.

This Acceptable Use Policy is intended to ensure:

- that young people will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other communication technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.
- that school systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.
- that parents and carers are aware of the importance of online safety and are involved in the education and guidance of young people with regard to their online behaviour.

The school will ensure that pupils have good access to digital technology to enhance their learning and will, in return, expect the pupils to agree to be responsible users. A copy of the Pupil Acceptable Use Policy is attached so that parents and carers are aware of the school expectations of the young people in their care.

We ask that parents are as vigilant as possible in their supervision of their children's access to devices and the internet and apply appropriate parental controls wherever possible to minimise inappropriate content. Where any issues come to light for parents, we ask that you contact school and let us know as soon as possible so that these issues can be addressed and our children protected from the negative aspects of online access.

Please ensure that you have parental controls installed on all devices at home that children have access to. There is a great deal of useful information on www.thinkuknow.co.uk. Other websites with very useful information include:

NSPCC

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Parents/Carer's name

Child(ren)'s name(s)

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As the parent/carers of the above child(ren), I support the school in educating my child(ren) about online safety and I will ensure that I support these messages in internet use at home.

I understand that the school has discussed the Acceptable Use Agreement with my child and that they have received and will continue to receive, online safety education to help them to understand the importance of the safe use of technology and the internet, both in and out of school.

I understand that the school will take all reasonable precautions, including filtering systems and monitoring use as well as good supervision to ensure that young people will be safe when they use the internet in school.

I understand that there are constantly emerging and developing technologies which need carefully managing for example AI and that my child will be educated about this at school. I will support this awareness and careful use of IT at home.

I understand that my child(ren)'s activity on ICT systems will be monitored and that children know what to do when they themselves notice something that they don't like, think is unusual or is inappropriate. I understand that school will contact me about any significant event linked with Acceptable Use.

I understand that internet use is only one part of the resources my child will be using to enhance their learning and they will learn how to use it selectively (for example, using books, etc where these are more appropriate)

I will encourage my child to adopt safe use of the internet and digital technologies at home and will inform school if I have any concerns over my child(ren)'s online safety.

Signed

Date