

Digital technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people, both within schools and outside 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. Young people should have an entitlement to safe internet access at all times.

## This Acceptable Use Policy is intended to ensure:

- that young people will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other communications 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 e-safety and are involved in the education and guidance of young people with regard to their on-line behaviour.

The school will try to ensure that pupils will have good access to digital technologies to enhance their learning and will, in return, expect the pupils to agree to be responsible users

As the parent / carer of the above students / pupils, I give permission for my son / daughter to have access to the internet and to ICT systems at school.

## Either: (KS2)

I know that my son / daughter has signed an Acceptable Use Agreement and has received, or will receive, e-safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of technology and the internet – both in and out of school. Or: (KS1/Foundation Stage)

I understand that the school has discussed the Acceptable Use Agreement with my son / daughter and that they have received, or will receive, e-safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of technology and the internet – both in and out of school.

I understand that the school will take every reasonable precaution, including monitoring and filtering systems, to ensure that young people will be safe when they use the internet and ICT systems. I also understand that the school cannot ultimately be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed on the internet and using mobile technologies.

I understand that my son's / daughter's activity on the ICT systems will be monitored and that the school will contact me if they have concerns about any possible breaches of the Acceptable Use Policy.

I will ensure that my child does not bring a mobile phone, camera, tablet or similar device into school, unless specifically requested to by a member of staff and there are specific circumstances which have been agreed with the school.

Apart from at advertised events, I will not use a mobile phone, camera, tablet or similar device on school premises. I will not upload, or allow to be uploaded, to any publicly available websites or social media platforms any images of adults or children (other than my own family) information or other material that could compromise the safety or integrity of the school's pupils or staff members. I will not post derogatory comments about any member of the school community: pupils, parents or staff on social media.

I will encourage my child to adopt safe use of the internet and digital technologies at home and will inform the school if I have concerns over my child's e-safety or that of other children.