



Use of Internet Policy for Children

This policy is to help us know how to use the internet safely in school. We can use this as good practise when we use the internet at home. In school we can access the internet through laptops and i-Pads. For the purpose of this policy a trusted adult is a member of staff at the school or a Parent/ Guardian at home.

We know that using the internet is beneficial in many ways:

- Helping us learn new things, particularly linked to our topic work in school
- To find information for different aspects of our lives
- Gives us the freedom and choice of which websites to use
- Provides us with opportunities to play games and be creative in our leisure time or golden time in school
- It give us lots of opportunities to improve and practise our reading
- Using the internet helps to develop our IT and typing skills
- It provides opportunities for communication with others, including links with other schools
- Gives is opportunities to share our creations (videos, music, photos) via blogs, Twitter and Seesaw
- Helps us connect socially with people who aid our learning (eg use of blogs, Twitter)

We know that teachers will:

- Filter sites so that we can only access appropriate websites
- Act straight away if they see a problem or we report a problem with the using the Internet to them
- Supervise us when we are using the internet, although we know they are unlikely to monitor a computer screen at all times
- Encourage us to be responsible and.us the internet in an educated way
- Teach us what to do if we encounter any problems when using the internet at home and school

As pupils we have a responsibility:

- Not to give out any personal information such as our full name, address, date of birth, phone numbers or name of our school
- To not respond to any pop-up adverts but just to close them down by pressing the x in the corner
- Not to use any rude or unkind language when communicating with others
- To have a clear idea of why they are using the internet and what purpose it is serving
- To tell a trusted adult straight away if they see anything offensive or worrying on the internet, or if something doesn't look right
- Not to seek out rude or offensive pictures or information
- Not to download any programs to a computer from the internet without permission from a member of staff

Use of Social Media

In school we would only use social media as part of a lesson led by the teacher. We understand that if we do use social media at home that there are age guidelines for each app and that it must be used in a responsible way.

We would only make comments to other people that we would say to their face and are aware that using social media makes it harder be sure who we are talking to.

We know that all social media sites have a report button so if we see anything we are not comfortable with or something that shouldn't be there we can report it, **and** tell a trusted grown up at home.

See-Saw

We use See-Saw in school to store, share and celebrate our work. It helps us learn about the safe use of social media by encouraging us to make safe, positive comments on our friends work and the work of children that we may not have met (at other schools in different countries).

Internet Agreement

When we join the school we, along with our parents or guardians, have to read and sign an agreement about our use of the internet in school.

This policy was written by the School Council, March 2018 and will updated every ? years.