

Home School agreement or Acceptable Internet Use Policy Parents / Carers

Dear Parents,

New technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people in today's society, both within schools and in their lives outside school.

The internet and other digital information and communications are powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. These technologies can inspire discussion, promote creativity and stimulate awareness of context to promote effective learning. However, the use of these new technologies can put young people at risk within and outside the school.

All users have an entitlement to safe internet access at all times. As we transition to remote teaching and learning we acknowledge that children will require additional support and supervision.

As a parent / carer of a child at this school we are asking that you:

- Ensure that any school technology that is brought home by your child is used appropriately for school based work and that where available your home internet provider will have parental controls set that minimise the risk of your child accessing inappropriate content online.
- Ensure that school equipment is only used by the pupil for whom it has been provided; no other family member, sibling or friends may use the equipment.
- Ensure that you have signed the photograph permission form which sets out that parents/ carers are unable to share photographs/films of school events on any public accessed social networking site. This will include taking screen captures or recording live lessons.
- Agree with your child rules for internet use in your home.
- Encourage your child to be careful when disclosing personal information.
- Talk about the risks associated with meeting online "friends" in person.
- Teach your child about evaluating information and being critically aware of information found online.
- Ensure that if a member of staff calls to speak to your child, you can ratify their identification, the phone is on speaker so that you can also hear the conversation and that you remain with the child for the duration of the call.
- We request that you supervise your child's internet use and online learning.
- Please answer all calls received from the school and if you are unable to do so please respond at your earliest convenience.
- Inappropriate online behaviour will be dealt with in line with existing policies

Live Teaching Sessions:

- These will be delivered via Google Meet.
- The links and times of all live lessons will be published on Google Classroom.
- Usernames and passwords have been allocated to all children.
- Children are expected to display appropriate behaviour during the lessons and when responding either verbally or via the chat function.
- Please ensure backgrounds are neutral and that personal information or unsuitable personal items are not visible.
- Wherever possible, maintain a regular and familiar routine, using model timetable provided by the school to support this.
- Make the school aware if your child is sick or otherwise cannot complete work, or if the online platform does not work on your devices, whereupon alternative resources will be offered.
- Please seek help from the school if you need it, contacting the school through agreed communication methods.

Cause for Concern:

- Should a member of staff have any cause for concern during the delivery of the lesson, this includes inappropriate language and attire; they will report the concerns to the Executive Principal (Mr Jason Cook) or Nursery Teacher (Ms Rose)

- Should a parent/carer have concerns please contact the Executive Principal (Mr Jason Cook) or Nursery Teacher (Ms Rose)

Useful Website for Parents

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-safety-online-a-practical-guide-for-parents-and-carers/child-safety-online-a-practical-guide-for-parents-and-carers-whose-children-are-using-social-media>

Contact Details to raise concerns

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