

It is vital that we develop in children skills and attitudes that equip them for our increasingly technological society. To do this we all have to work within a framework which allows for safety and security.

These measures will give children safety and security of access to the Internet but as in all areas of school life accidents can occasionally happen. School may require to contact the parent in the event of inappropriate material being accessed within the school day.

If rules are broken...

Any pupil who deliberately abuses Internet access will be disciplined according to the school's disciplinary procedure and parents informed in the normal way.

- School discipline procedures will apply.
- As with all breaches of discipline further steps may be taken

Your support for the above measures is vital to your child's safe use of a necessary resource for today's pupils.

Should there be any concern regarding the acceptable use policy for your child's school please contact the school in the first instance.

Once connected to the Internet a number of options are available:- browsing web pages, sending and receiving email, entering into a video conference, joining a chat room or becoming involved in newsgroups. Filtering software, which denies access to dubious websites is updated on a regular basis. This protects the pupils from such web pages. This software is held on servers at a central location.

Glow is a digital learning tool available for pupils and staff in schools and educational establishments across Scotland. Funded by the Scottish Government, Glow supports the delivery of Curriculum for Excellence by providing a purpose digital learning environment. Pupils will receive log in details that provide access to education resources. Furthermore, Glow helps learners to benefit from social and collaborative tools and services in a safe online space through the use of technologies that are already embedded in daily lives.

- <https://glowconnect.org.uk/>
- <https://glowconnect.org.uk/security-and-privacy/glow-privacy-policy/>
- <https://glowconnect.org.uk/security-and-privacy/glow-community-rules/>

Parents should be aware that a number of internet web sites provide useful information to parents for keeping children safe online. some are listed below...

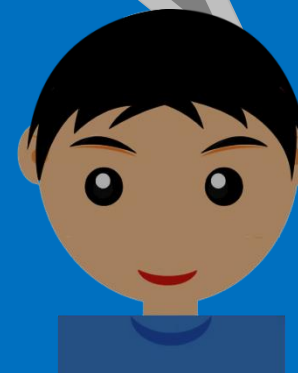
- <http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>
- <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
- <http://www.childnet.com/>
- <http://www.respectme.org.uk/adultcyberbullying.html>

Acceptable use of the internet



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Information and advice for parents and carers



Advantages to pupils of the use of ICT

ICT and Digital Technology can...

- Improves pupil achievement and attainment
- Enhances motivation and attitudes to learning
- Increases the skills needed for independent learning and research
- Offers opportunities to extend and enhance creativity and diversity in the curriculum
- Assists, develops and improves learning and teaching approaches
- Contributes to a positive ethos within schools
- Facilitates access to the curriculum for all pupils
- Enhances support for learning programmes
- Extends the learning environment to the wider community
- Equips pupils with the skills necessary to prosper in society

Why is there a need to have an Internet policy?

The internet was designed for and is managed for adults. Therefore, children have to be protected from accessing unsuitable/undesirable materials. The policy will support the school in its educational aims and ensure that responsibilities to pupils are met within safe and secure boundaries.

At school pupils will develop ICT skills as part of a broad and balanced curriculum and will use the Internet as part of that development. The measures which will be in place to protect children from accessing unsuitable materials will be as follows ...



- All internet access will comply with council policy
- Users will be protected by software which prevents access to dubious sites
- All access will be authorised and monitored by a responsible adult
- All pupils' work will be open to teacher scrutiny
- Pupils will be taught rules of access
- Pupils will be made aware of the risks
- Pupils will have their own passwords

In accessing the internet pupils must...

- Log on using their own password
- Understand and accept that the school rules governing acceptable behaviour apply whilst using the internet
- Use the internet only with the teacher's permission
- Make available to the teacher all emails received or sent
- Never send messages which could cause offence or upset to anyone
- Never use bad language
- Download from the internet only with the permission of an appropriate member of staff
- Never give personal information e.g. name, address, phone number or age etc. to strangers
- Never arrange a meeting with anyone on the internet. Report to the teacher anything which makes them uncomfortable
- Report any breaches of rules
- Never buy anything from the internet in school
- Never disclose a password
- Always log off when work is completed
- Understand that all access to the internet including emails can be monitored