

Errol Primary School
<i>Safe internet use policy</i>

Part A – Rationale

The internet, including email, is a part of everyday life for many people including school pupils and is frequently used in school as a learning resource. Whilst the internet offers an opportunity for learning and entertainment it can be used unscrupulously to harm children. This policy aims to protect pupils from misuse of the internet in school and out.

Part B – Policy Principles

The Key Principles upon which this policy statement is based are as follows:

- Promoting safety and well-being;
- Keeping individuals safe and protected;
- Developing active and responsible citizens;
- Developing caring and confident communities.

Part C – Policy Outcomes

- Pupil use of the internet and email in school is prohibited unless staff permission is given and staff are satisfied they can supervise access appropriately; especially during wet playtimes and wet lunchtimes.
- Staff will talk with children about how they use the internet and where possible sit with them online.
- Staff will teach children to be as careful about strangers online as they are in the street.
- Staff will teach children not to give out personal information such as their address, the name of their school, mobile phone number or webcam pictures.
- Staff will raise awareness of the dangers of the internet with children, such as not to meet someone in person whom they met online without their parents' permission and without another adult present.
- Staff may review pupils' school internet history to see where they have been.
- Each pupil will be given their own user account and password which they may not change unless given permission to do so by their teacher and which will be known to their teacher. Pupils may not use another pupil's user account unless given permission to do so by staff.
- The school will only access the internet through the council server which automatically filters out unsuitable content and restricts access to unsuitable web sites and pages.
- Staff may prohibit access to or instruct a pupil to shut down any website, email, game or other use of the internet they deem unsuitable for any reason.
- The school will set up a block on any internet address felt unsuitable.

Part D - Responsibilities

- Pupils and parents are responsible for ensuring they abide by this policy.
- School staff are responsible for implementing this policy.