

Internet Safety, Media Permission & Acceptable Use of ICT in Renfrewshire Schools



These rules apply to all uses of the internet and to all information sent electronically, including text messages and pictures sent by mobile phones.

Digital Learning in Renfrewshire Schools

In Renfrewshire schools we want to give our children/young people as rich a variety of learning opportunities as possible, including digital learning. Internet use in Renfrewshire schools includes use of Glow, Scotland's safe and secure intranet for schools, and other Council-approved resources.

The internet provides a great wealth of information that can enrich class work. The ability to use it efficiently and responsibly is a skill that will be of value throughout a learner's life. It also allows a school to celebrate learners' work by publishing it on a school website, blog, wiki and sometimes on the Renfrewshire Council website.

The internet can harbour dangers and must be used responsibly to keep both our young people and the network safe.

You can find out more about providing your child with safer internet access at home at <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>
You can find out more about Glow at <http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/usingglowandict/>

The Rules for Digital Learning in School

The ICT equipment in school (computers and any other internet devices), is there to help with class work and homework.

Used responsibly, exciting and interesting ways of locating and using resources can be found to aid learning.

Always follow these rules:

Be secure:

- I will keep logins and passwords to myself and not share them with anyone, even my friends.
- I will always log out when I leave the computer/device.
- I will not look at anyone else's files without their permission.

Be respectful:

- I will always be polite and will not use bad language.
- I will remember that anything I do can usually be traced back to me.
- I will not access, create, store or distribute files that could be thought of as offensive or indecent, or that harasses or insults others.

Be safe:

- I will not share my personal details or any personal information about other people (home address, phone number etc) in emails, on the internet or with other people.
- I will only send emails to people I know or my teacher knows.
- I will not arrange to meet people I talk to online.

Be legal:

- I will only put relevant and acceptable materials on to the internet or Glow.
- I will never photograph or video staff or other pupils without their knowledge and permission.
- I will never upload photographs or videos of others without their permission.

- I know that bullying by the use of text, multimedia messaging, emails, social networking or blog sites is unacceptable and may lead to very serious consequences.
- I know that I should not copy materials or pictures from the internet and use them in my own work unless they are copyright free.

Be responsible:

- If I see or hear something that is wrong or that upsets me in emails, on the internet or Glow, I will tell an adult and/or use the Report Unsuitable Content button if it is on the screen.
- I will not use internet sites which have unsuitable content.
- I will take good care of the ICT equipment I use.
- I understand that if I am irresponsible in my use of ICT, the internet or Glow, my access in school may be removed.
- I understand that if I abuse the privilege or use a device in class without permission, proportionate sanctions will be taken.
- I am responsible for taking care of any personal device I bring to school.

Please sign the attached form and return it to the school. If your child is in P4 or above, he/she should sign the learner section. If you have any questions about this, please contact the Head Teacher.

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Please return completed form to school office.

Acceptable Use Policy

Parent/Carer

As the parent or carer of (name of child)

Class

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I have read the rules for acceptable computer and internet use and understand that these rules apply when my child is using ICT (including computers and devices) and the internet.

I have gone through the rules with my child and explained their importance and the consequences of breaking the rules, and ensured that she/he understands.

I understand that the school will make every reasonable effort to restrict access to all controversial material on the Internet, but I will not hold them responsible for materials my son or daughter acquires or sees as a result of use of ICT at school.

I also accept that the school cannot be responsible for any loss, theft or damage to personal equipment my child may bring to school e.g. smartphone, iPod, netbook etc.

I give permission for my child named above, to use ICT and the internet in school.

This can be changed at any time by contacting the Head Teacher.

Parent's / Carer's signature

Date

Learner (P4 and above)

I have read the rules for acceptable computer and internet use and know the importance of these rules.

I know that if I break these rules, I may lose the right to use the school's computer facilities or face further disciplinary action.

Learner's signature

Date

Media Permissions

The school may produce web pages, ICT presentations, video presentations, educational or interest articles for magazines or other media. These materials are often used to show good practice and to celebrate a school's achievements. Materials are also made available to other members of the Glow intranet community in Renfrewshire or nationally to other Scottish schools and their Glow guests.

We need permission from parents and carers to be able to publish the child's work or record activities by camera or video camera. This permission will also cover your child's participation in video-conferences normally run within Glow. Sometimes these are recorded and made available for viewing within Glow.

Please be assured that the child's safety will always be of paramount importance and no personal information will be made public.

Please tick yes or no if you want your child to be included in these activities and sign below.

	No	Yes
Displays in school – eg photographs on walls etc		
School Website		
Newsletter		
Glow images and Video (school only)		
Glow Images and Video (Renfrewshire or Scotland-wide)		

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Parent's / Carer's signature

Date