



Intake Farm Primary School ICT - Acceptable Use Policy

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INTRODUCTION

An acceptable use policy (AUP) is a framework for children and their parents, guardians or carers, and the school. As the use of online services and resources grows, so has awareness of the risks and potential dangers which arise from the use of modern communications, technology and the internet.

The objectives of this policy are:

- To promote the safety of learners in our care both in school and elsewhere.
- To ensure all members of the school community are aware of e-safety.
- To encourage safe and responsible use of technology and the internet.

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS OF ICT

At Intake Farm, we acknowledge that technology continues to change the way we live and work. We aim to utilise the many educational benefits of ICT and use this powerful tool, to provide and expand good quality learning experiences within all aspects of the curriculum, at each key stage. However, we realise the need to understand both positive and negative aspects of its use and ensure pupils have the knowledge and understanding to make informed decisions. To do this requires the co-operation of the children, as well as staff and governors.

PROTECTING PUPILS- FILTERING

Internet access is filtered by Atom IT.

This works by means of a 'disallowed' list, so that inappropriate sites are filtered before they get to school. If there are any issues with this and an inappropriate image, for example, is seen, then the school would contact Atom IT. The incident would also be reported to the Headteacher. The child's parents would be informed.

E-MAIL

All pupils have their own school email accounts. This is provided by Microsoft for free as part of their Office 365 education platform. The Pupils email accounts are created and maintained by the school and are secure.

THE SCHOOL WEB SITE

Any images of children used on the school website will not be labelled with the children's names. Children will be referred to by first names only, and no personal information about pupils or teachers will be revealed. If parents request that photographs of pupils should not appear on the internet, then this will be respected. Our administrators will keep an up-to-date list of these pupils.

CHAT ROOMS AND INSTANT MESSAGING

Pupils will not be allowed to use chat rooms, newsgroups or instant messaging.

SANCTIONS

Deliberate misuse of computer systems by pupils will be dealt with by the class teacher or the headteacher, and the sanction will be appropriate to the misdemeanour.

E-SAFETY EDUCATION

Before accessing the Internet, children will be continuously taught how to use the internet sensibly and safely according to the e-safety policy. They will also be introduced to the school's Acceptable Use Policy and be asked to agree to abide by the guidelines given. All members of the school community will be asked to sign a copy of an age-appropriate AUP. The AUPs can be found as:

- Appendix 1 - EYFS/KS1 version
- Appendix 2 - KS2 version
- Appendix 3 - Adult version
- Appendix 4 – Governors

PROMOTING AND MAINTAINING AWARENESS

This acceptable use policy will be widely promoted within the school to governors, staff, pupils and parents alike, at an appropriate level.

MONITORING AND REVIEWING THE ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Once adopted, this acceptable use policy will be monitored regularly to ensure that it is effective, and reviewed and updated to ensure that it continues to meet the requirements of the school, and any emerging uses of technology.

Appendix 1

Student / Pupil Acceptable Use Policy Agreement

(Foundation / KS1)

This is how we stay safe when we use computers:

- I will ask a teacher or suitable adult if I want to use the computers.
- I will only use activities that a teacher or suitable adult has told or allowed me to use.
- I will take care of the computer and other equipment.
- I will ask for help from a teacher or suitable adult if I am not sure what to do or if I think I have done something wrong.
- I will tell a teacher or suitable adult if I see something that upsets me on the screen.
- I know that if I break the rules I might not be allowed to use a computer.
- Anything I do on the computer may be seen by someone else.

Signed _____

AUP for learners in KS2

Acceptable Use Policy Agreement

I understand that I must use school systems in a responsible way, to ensure that there is no risk to my safety or to the safety and security of the systems and other users.

For my own personal safety:

- I understand that the school will monitor my use of the systems, devices and digital communications.
- I will keep my username and password safe and secure – I will not share it, nor will I try to use any other person's username and password. I understand that I should not write down or store a password where it is possible that someone may steal it.
- I will be aware of "stranger danger", when I am communicating on-line.
- I will not disclose or share personal information about myself or others when on-line (this could include names, addresses, email addresses, telephone numbers, age, gender, educational details, financial details etc.)
- I will immediately report any unpleasant or inappropriate material or messages or anything that makes me feel uncomfortable when I see it on-line.

I understand that everyone has equal rights to use technology as a resource and:

- I understand that the school systems and devices are primarily intended for educational use and that I will not use them for personal or recreational use unless I have permission.
- I will not try (unless I have permission) to make large downloads or uploads that might take up internet capacity and prevent other users from being able to carry out their work.
- I will not use the school or devices for on-line gaming, on-line gambling, internet shopping, file sharing, or video broadcasting (e.g. YouTube), unless I have permission of a member of staff to do so.
- I will act as I expect others to act toward me.
- I will respect others' work and property and will not access, copy, remove or otherwise alter any other user's files, without the owner's knowledge and permission.
- I will be polite and responsible when I communicate with others, I will not use strong, aggressive or inappropriate language and I appreciate that others may have different opinions.

- I will not take or distribute images of anyone without their permission.

- I recognise that the school has a responsibility to maintain the security and integrity of the technology it offers me and to ensure the smooth running of the school.
- I will only use my own personal devices (mobile phones / USB devices etc.) in school if I have permission. I understand that, if I do use my own devices in the school, I will follow the rules set out in this agreement, in the same way as if I was using school equipment.
- I understand the risks and will not try to upload, download or access any materials which are illegal or inappropriate or may cause harm or distress to others, nor will I try to use any programmes or software that might allow me to bypass the filtering / security systems in place to prevent access to such materials.
- I will immediately report any damage or faults involving equipment or software, however this may have happened.
- I will not open any hyperlinks in emails or any attachments to emails, unless I know and trust the person / organisation who sent the email, or if I have any concerns about the validity of the email (due to the risk of the attachment containing viruses or other harmful programmes)
- I will not install or attempt to install or store programmes of any type on any school device, nor will I try to alter computer settings.
- I will only use social media sites with permission and at the times that are allowed.

When using the internet for research or recreation, I recognise that:

- I should ensure that I have permission to use the original work of others in my own work.
- Where work is protected by copyright, I will not try to download copies (including music and videos).
- When I am using the internet to find information, I should take care to check that the information that I access is accurate, as I understand that the work of others may not be truthful and may be a deliberate attempt to mislead me.

I understand that I am responsible for my actions, both in and out of school:

- I understand that the school also has the right to take action against me if I am involved in incidents of inappropriate behaviour, that are covered in this agreement, when I am out of school and where they involve my membership of the school community (examples would be cyber-bullying, use of images or personal information).
- I understand that if I fail to comply with this Acceptable Use Policy Agreement, I will be subject to disciplinary action. This may include loss of access to the school network / internet, detentions, suspensions, contact with parents and in the event of illegal activities involvement of the police.

Please complete the sections on the next page to show that you have read, understood and agree to the rules included in the Acceptable Use Agreement. If you do not sign and return this agreement, access will not be granted to school systems and devices.

This form relates to the student / pupil Acceptable Use Agreement, to which it is attached.

Please complete the sections below to show that you have read, understood and agree to the rules included in the Acceptable Use Agreement. If you do not sign and return this agreement, access will not be granted to school systems.

I have read and understand the above and agree to follow these guidelines when:

- I use the school systems and devices (both in and out of school).
- I use my own equipment out of the school in a way that is related to me being a member of this school e.g. communicating with other members of the school, accessing school email etc.

Name of Student / Pupil:

Group / Class:

Signed:

Date:

AUP for any adult working with learners

Acceptable Use Policy Agreement

I understand that I must use school systems in a responsible way, to ensure that there is no risk to my safety or to the safety and security of the systems and other users. I recognise the value of the use of digital technology for enhancing learning and will ensure that students / pupils receive opportunities to gain from the use of digital technology. I will, where possible, educate the young people in my care in the safe use of digital technology and embed online safety in my work with young people.

For my professional and personal safety:

- I understand that the school will monitor my use of the school digital technology and communications systems.
- I understand that the rules set out in this agreement also apply to use of these technologies (e.g. laptops, email, VLE etc.) out of school, and to the transfer of personal data (digital or paper based) out of school.
- I understand that the school digital technology systems are primarily intended for educational use and that I will only use the systems for personal or recreational use within the policies and rules set down by the school. (schools should amend this section in the light of their policies which relate to the personal use, by staff and volunteers, of school systems)
- I will not disclose my username or password to anyone else, nor will I try to use any other person's username and password. I understand that I should not write down or store a password where it is possible that someone may steal it.
- I will immediately report any illegal, inappropriate or harmful material or incident, I become aware of, to the appropriate person.
- I will be professional in my communications and actions when using school ICT systems:
- I will not access, copy, remove or otherwise alter any other user's files, without their express permission.
- I will communicate with others in a professional manner, I will not use aggressive or inappropriate language and I appreciate that others may have different opinions.
- I will ensure that when I take and / or publish images of others I will do so with their permission and in accordance with the school's policy on the use of digital / video images.
- I will not use my personal equipment to record these images, unless I have permission to do so. Where these images are published (e.g. on the school website, it will not be possible to identify by name, or other personal information, those who are featured.
- I will only use social networking sites in school in accordance with the school's policies.
- I will only communicate with students / pupils and parents / carers using official school systems. Any such communication will be professional in tone and manner.

- I will not engage in any on-line activity that may compromise my professional responsibilities.
- The school and the local authority have the responsibility to provide safe and secure access to technologies and ensure the smooth running of the school.
- When I use my mobile devices (laptops / tablets / mobile phones / USB devices etc.) in school, I will follow the rules set out in this agreement, in the same way as if I was using school equipment. I will also follow any additional rules set by the school about such use. I will ensure that any such devices are protected by up to date anti-virus software and are free from viruses.
- I will not use personal email addresses on the school ICT systems.
- I will not open any hyperlinks in emails or any attachments to emails, unless the source is known and trusted, or if I have any concerns about the validity of the email (due to the risk of the attachment containing viruses or other harmful programmes)
- I will ensure that my data is regularly backed up, in accordance with relevant school policies.
- I will not try to upload, download or access any materials which are illegal (child sexual abuse images, criminally racist material, adult pornography covered by the Obscene Publications Act) or inappropriate or may cause harm or distress to others. I will not try to use any programmes or software that might allow me to bypass the filtering / security systems in place to prevent access to such materials.
- I will not try (unless I have permission) to make large downloads or uploads that might take up internet capacity and prevent other users from being able to carry out their work.
- I will not install or attempt to install programmes of any type on a machine, or store programmes on a computer, nor will I try to alter computer settings, unless this is allowed in school policies.
- I will not disable or cause any damage to school equipment, or the equipment belonging to others.
- I understand that data protection policy requires that any staff or pupil data to which I have access, will be kept private and confidential, except when it is deemed necessary that I am required by law or by school policy to disclose such information to an appropriate authority.
- I will immediately report any damage or faults involving equipment or software, however this may have happened.
- When using the internet in my professional capacity or for school sanctioned personal use.
- I will ensure that I have permission to use the original work of others in my own work.
- Where work is protected by copyright, I will not download or distribute copies (including music and videos).
- I understand that I am responsible for my actions in and out of the school.
- I understand that this Acceptable Use Policy applies not only to my work and use of school digital technology equipment in school, but also applies to my use of school

systems and equipment off the premises and my use of personal equipment on the premises or in situations related to my employment by the school

- I understand that if I fail to comply with this Acceptable Use Policy Agreement, I could be subject to disciplinary action. This could include a warning, a suspension, referral to Governors / Directors and / or the Local Authority and in the event of illegal activities the involvement of the police.
- I have read and understand the above and agree to use the school digital technology systems (both in and out of school) and my own devices (in school and when carrying out communications related to the school) within these guidelines.

Staff / Volunteer Name:

Signed:

Date:

Appendix 4

Parent letter – internet/e-mail use

Parent / guardian name:.....

Pupil name:

Pupil's class:

As the parent or legal guardian of the above pupil(s), I grant permission for my child to have access to use the Internet, school Email and other ICT facilities at school. I know that my daughter or son has signed a form to confirm that they will keep to the school's rules for responsible ICT use, outlined in the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP). I also understand that my son/daughter may be informed, if the rules have to be changed during the year. I accept that ultimately the school cannot be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed through the Internet and mobile technologies, but I understand that the school will take every reasonable precaution to keep pupils safe and to prevent pupils from accessing inappropriate materials. These steps include using a filtered internet service, secure access to email, employing appropriate teaching practice and teaching e-safety skills to pupils.

I understand that the school can check my child's computer files, and the Internet sites they visit. I also know that the school may contact me if there are concerns about my son/daughter's e-safety or e-behaviour. I will support the school by promoting safe use of the Internet and digital technology at home and will inform the school if I have any concerns over my child's e-safety.

I am aware that the school permits parents/carers to take photographs and videos of their own children in school events and that the school requests that photos/videos are not shared on any social networking site such as Facebook if the photos/videos contain images of other children. I will support the school's approach to e-Safety and will not upload or add any pictures, video or text that could upset, offend or threaten the safety of any member of the school community.

Parent's signature:.....

Date:.....