

Parent/Carer Acceptable Use Agreement Template

Digital technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people, both within schools and outside school. These technologies provide powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. They can stimulate discussion, promote creativity and stimulate awareness of context to promote effective learning. Young people should have an entitlement to safe internet access at all times.

This Acceptable Use Policy is intended to ensure

- that young people will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other communications technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.
- that school systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.
- that parents and carers are aware of the importance of online safety and are involved in the education and guidance of young people with regard to their on-line behaviour.

The school will try to ensure that *students/pupils* will have good access to digital technologies to enhance their learning and will, in return, expect the *students/pupils* to agree to be responsible users. A copy of the *Student/Pupil* Acceptable Use Policy is attached to this permission form, so that parents/carers will be aware of the school expectations of the young people in their care.

Parents are requested to sign the permission form below to show their support of the school in this important aspect of the school's work. (*Schools will need to decide whether or not they wish parents to sign the Acceptable Use Agreement on behalf of their child*)

Permission Form

Parent/Carers Name:

Student/Pupil Name:

As the parent/carers of the above *students/pupils*, I give permission for my son/daughter to have access to the internet and to ICT systems at school.

Either: (KS2 and above)

I know that my son/daughter has signed an Acceptable Use Agreement and has received, or will receive, online safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of technology and the internet – both in and out of school.

Or: (KS1)

I understand that the school has discussed the Acceptable Use Agreement with my son/daughter and that they have received, or will receive, online safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of technology and the internet – both in and out of school.

I understand that the school will take every reasonable precaution, including monitoring and filtering systems, to ensure that young people will be safe when they use the internet and systems. I also understand that the school cannot ultimately be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed on the internet and using mobile technologies.

I understand that my son's/daughter's activity on the systems will be monitored and that the school will contact me if they have concerns about any possible breaches of the Acceptable Use Policy.

I will encourage my child to adopt safe use of the internet and digital technologies at home and will inform the school if I have concerns over my child's online safety.

As the school is collecting personal data by issuing this form, it should inform parents/carers as to:

- This form (electronic or printed)
- Who will have access to this form
- Where this form will be stored
- How long this form will be stored for
- How this form will be destroyed

Signed:

Date: