



THE FLYING START FEDERATION

Safe Internet Use Policy

There has been a great deal of media coverage of the potential dangers of unsupervised use of the Internet by children. We take this matter very seriously and this policy highlights the main strategies we follow and actions we take to provide a safe environment for our children's use of the Internet at school and our rules for governing content on our own web site.

Safe surfing and using e-mail at school

Access to the internet will enable pupils to explore thousands of libraries, databases and other information sources. Combined with e-mail, it forms an important part of learning how to use computers productively. Many of the PCs at both schools are enabled for Internet access; however, the children do not have free and open access to these. Children may use the PCs only as part of supervised lessons or with the permission and knowledge of teachers. Internet content is screened through the use of the South West Grid for Learning filter system. Although content is filtered, we cannot completely guarantee that pupils cannot access unacceptable materials such as pornographic, racist, extremist political or violent material. For this reason, we feel it is essential to involve parents to share the responsibility of protecting their children from undesirable materials. Therefore, before being allowed to use the internet or email within school, all children must obtain parental permission and both they and you must sign and return the enclosed form as evidence of your approval and their acceptance of these school rules. When using email, we never allocate email addresses for individual children, therefore giving children anonymity, instead a class would receive an address to be used by everyone within that class. As with web browsing - use of e-mail is supervised within school lessons.

Internet use will enhance learning

The school Internet access will be designed expressly for pupil use and will include filtering appropriate to the age of the pupils.

Pupils will be taught what internet use is acceptable and what is not, and given clear objectives for Internet use.

Pupils will be educated in the effective use of the Internet in research, including the skills of knowledge location, retrieval and evaluation.

Pupils will be taught how to evaluate Internet content.

The school will ensure that the use of Internet derived materials by staff and pupils complies with copyright law.

Pupils should be taught to be critically aware of the materials they read and show how to validate information before accepting its accuracy.

Online chat rooms

We do not encourage the use of online chat rooms and do not allow children to use them on computers at school.

The school web site



Photographs policy: We have strict rules about what is an acceptable photograph to be used on our website: we do not include portraits of individual children's faces or where one child's face is clearly the main subject of the photograph (without explicit parental permission). We do include group photographs but these are subject to acceptable content (dress, activity, etc.) and we place a limit on the resolution and quality of such images on the site so that children are often unrecognizable. We also do not name children appearing in photographs. Where children's names do appear they are never placed in connection with their photographs. This is in agreement with current DfE guidance on using photographs. This photograph policy also applies to promotional photography used as part of school documents.

Protecting personal data

Personal data will be recorded, processed, transferred and made available in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations. For details on how we handle personal data, please see the privacy notices published on the school website.

Links and search engines: All of the links, to external websites, featured in the "links" section of the site are checked to ensure they point to child friendly sites. The search engine links we provide are for dedicated "child friendly" search engines and directories only.

Submitted web pages etc: We have a facility to allow children to create and publish their own web pages. All such pages are checked by a teacher or by the webmaster to ensure they do not contain explicit personal information (e.g. address, telephone numbers etc.) before they are added to the site.

Internet Access Rules *When accessing the internet in school, the following are not permitted:*

Please see the attached poster which children in each class will review each year and sign as a group. All Staff and volunteers also receive a copy of the internet rules which they also sign.

General Surfing Rules - This is our general guidance when teaching children about safe internet use:

- Never give out your full name, address, email address or phone number to anyone on the Internet without asking for permission from an adult.
- Always get an adult's permission if you want to buy or register for something, or enter a contest.
- If someone you're chatting to online says or sends something that makes you feel uncomfortable or upsets you, then tell an adult immediately
- Always ask an adult before you try to copy any files from the Internet. Internet files may contain viruses and can be expensive to download.
- **Never ever agree to meet someone you've met on the Internet without an adult's permission.**

Many emerging technologies

Emerging technologies will be examined for educational benefit and a risk assessment will be carried out before use in school is allowed.



Mobile phones will not be use by pupils during lessons or formal school time. The sending if abusive or inappropriate text messages is forbidden.

Staff will use a school phone where contact with pupils is required, except in emergencies.

Signed _____

Date _____

Chair of Teaching & Learning Committee

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