



Internet and ICT:

- As the parent or legal guardian, I grant permission for the school to give my daughter / son access to:
 - the Internet at school
 - the school's chosen e-mail system
 - the school's cloud computing and collaboration applications – G Suite
 - ICT facilities and equipment at the school
- 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 takes every reasonable precaution to keep students safe and to prevent students from accessing inappropriate materials.
- I understand that the school can, if necessary, check my child's computer files and the Internet sites they visit at school and if there are concerns about my child's e-safety or e-behaviour they will contact me.

Use of digital images, photography and video:

- I understand the school has a clear policy on "The use of digital images and video" and I support this.
- I understand that the school will necessarily use photographs of my child or including them in video material to support learning activities.
- I accept that the school may use photographs / video that includes my child in publicity that reasonably promotes the work of the school, and for no other purpose.
- I will not take and then share online, photographs of other children (or staff) at school events without permission.

Social networking and media sites:

- I understand that the school has a clear policy on "The use of social networking and media sites" and I support this.
- I understand that the school takes any inappropriate behaviour seriously and will respond to observed or reported inappropriate or unsafe behaviour.
- I will support the school by promoting safe use of the Internet and digital technology at home. I will inform the school if I have any concerns.

The use of digital images and video

To comply with the Data Protection Act 1998, we need your permission before we can photograph or make recordings of your daughter / son.

We follow the following rules for any external use of digital images:

- **If the student is named, we avoid using their photograph**
- **If their photograph is used, we avoid naming the student**

Where showcasing examples of student's work we only use their first names, rather than their full names.

If showcasing digital video work to an external audience, we take care to ensure that students are not referred to by name on the video, and that students' full names are not given in credits at the end of the film.

Only images of students in suitable dress are used.

Staff are not allowed to take photographs or videos on their personal equipment.

Examples of how digital photography and video may be used at school include:

- Your child being photographed or videoed (by the teacher, teaching assistant or other student) using only school technology as part of a learning activity; e.g. to analyse practical skills in PE lessons
- Your child's image being used for presentation purposes around the school; e.g. in class or wider school wall displays or PowerPoint® presentations.
- Your child's image being used in a presentation about the school and its work in order to share its good practice and celebrate its achievements, which is shown to other parents, schools or educators;
e.g. within a CDROM / DVD or a document sharing good practice; in our school prospectus or on our school website.
In rare events, your child's picture could appear in the media if a newspaper photographer or television film crew attends an event.

Note: If we, or you, actually wanted your child's image linked to their name we would contact you separately for permission, e.g. if your child won a national competition and wanted to be named in local or government literature.

The use of social networking and on-line media

This school asks its whole community to promote the 3 commons approach to online behaviour:

- **Common courtesy**
- **Common decency**
- **Common sense**

How do we show common courtesy online?

- We ask someone's permission before uploading photographs, videos or any other information about them online.
- We do not write or upload 'off-hand', hurtful, rude or derogatory comments and materials. To do so is disrespectful and may upset, distress, bully or harass.

How do we show common decency online?

- We do not post comments that can be considered as being **intimidating, racist, sexist, homophobic, extremist or defamatory**. **This is cyber-bullying** and may be harassment or libel.
- When such comments exist online, we do not forward such emails, tweets, videos, etc. By creating or forwarding such materials we are all liable under the law.

How do we show common sense online?

- We think before we click
- We think before we upload comments, photographs and videos
- We think before we download or forward any materials
- We think carefully about what information we share with others online, and we check where it is saved and check our privacy settings
- We make sure we understand changes in use of any web sites we use
- We block harassing communications and report any abuse

Any actions online that impact on the school and can potentially lower the school's (or someone in the school) reputation or are deemed as being inappropriate will be responded to.

In the event that any member of staff, student or parent/carer is found to be posting libellous or inflammatory comments on Facebook or other social network sites, they will be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the network site.

(All social network sites have clear rules about the content which can be posted on the site and they provide robust mechanisms to report contact or activity which breaches this.)

In serious cases we will also consider legal options to deal with any such misuse.

The whole school community is reminded of the CEOP report abuse process:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/browser-safety/>