

# **School ICT agreement**

*The Internet and other communications technologies are powerful tools, which open up opportunities for everyone. These technologies are great for learning as they can stimulate discussion and collaboration, promote creativity and help us find information quickly. This agreement is intended to make sure that we are all aware of our responsibilities and expectations as members of this school community to keep ourselves, others and our equipment safe. We are part of our school community at school and also at home so it is important that we apply these rules at all times and in all places. Circumstances and technologies vary and change and we must think and apply these expectations and our school values to any situation we are in.*

## **School responsibilities and expectations**

- *The school will try its best to ensure that you have good access to ICT to enhance your learning.*
- *School will monitor your use of ICT.*
- *School will take action if you are involved in incidents that break this agreement.*

## **All users of the school systems (Staff, Governor, Visitor and Pupil) responsibilities and expectations**

- *I will treat my username and password like my toothbrush - I will not share it or use anyone else's! I will always log out or lock when I leave a computer. I will use suitably complex passwords and change them if I think they may be known to anyone else.*
- *I am aware that the Internet is an amazing resource, but also contains information that is: inaccurate, harmful, illegal, commercial and inappropriate and so I will be careful to avoid such content.*
- *I will always be polite and respectful with others online.*
- *I will make sure people are happy before I take and/or use photos and videos of them.*
- *I will only use the photos and videos I've taken with permission and will not name children in my photos or give any information so they can be identified.*
- *I will keep school data on school devices and system, not saving to personal devices or systems.*
- *I will respect other people's work on the Internet and not copy it without saying where it came from. 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 will prevent viruses spreading by only opening emails and attachments from people I trust and using j2e/Google Apps/365 to transfer work from home rather than memory sticks.*
- *I will immediately report any illegal, inappropriate or harmful material or incident.*
- *I will treat school equipment with great care and as directed.*
- *I will immediately report any damage or faults involving equipment or software, however this may have happened.*

## **Pupil - responsibilities and expectations**

*In addition to responsibilities and expectations for all users (see above):*

- *I will only use computers and devices when I have permission and am supervised.*
- *At home, I will follow family agreements about using computers and devices.*
- *I will agree with my parents a balance of using technology and other activities, bearing in mind the health risks of too much screen time.*
- *I will be aware of stranger-danger when communicating online, for example, I will not share personal information like my surname or a named photograph, address, telephone number, email, school etc or arrange to meet with anyone.*
- *I will immediately report to an adult anything unpleasant or that I know is inappropriate or makes me feel uncomfortable.*
- *I will use sensible names for documents and save regularly to protect my work.*
- *I will try to use websites that my parents/teachers know about and are happy with.*
- *I understand that the purpose of Computing in school is to support my learning and that's what I will use it for.*
- *I will not use any personal device in school to take photos or record media.*

## **School staff, governors and visitors - responsibilities and expectations**

*In addition to responsibilities for all users (see overleaf):*

- *I will demonstrate high standards and examples in all expectations and responsibilities.*
- *I will embed online safety ideas and skills in my practice and teaching.*
- *I will always supervise and guide children in their use of the Internet.*
- *I will communicate with pupils and parents through official school systems.*
- *I will ensure that any activity in or out of school does nothing to damage the reputation of the school or profession, e.g. content/comments on social media.*
- *I will be systematic in my storage of documents, save regularly and back up my files to protect my work.*
- *I will not take or store photos or videos of children on any personal devices or systems.*
- *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 required by law or by school policy to disclose such information to an appropriate authority).*
- *I will take care not to overload the school system or equipment with large quantities of files, eg outdated or duplicated files. I will be organised in storing data and regularly check, tidy and delete unneeded files, eg photos and videos.*

## **Parents - responsibilities and expectations**

*We appreciate that parents and carers have a crucial role and responsibility to teach children about online safety and behaviour.*

- *I will follow our school policy on the use of photos/videos – not sharing photos online that identify children in any way. Not all parents are happy to share children's photos online. We respect those wishes (which are sometimes for child protection reasons).*
- *I will be careful not to identify children by referring to them by name when commenting on blogs online.*
- *I have read through this agreement with my child and reinforced the importance of online safety at school and home.*
- *We have a family agreement for when and where my child can use the Internet. I will ensure they have a balance of technology and other activities, e.g. physical/social activities. I will bear in mind the health risks related to too much screen time, e.g. near to bed time.*
- *I will talk to my child about their use of technology and show an interest in what they are doing.*
- *I will set a good example to my children by using social media e.g. Facebook in a positive, responsible way.*
- *I will keep myself informed of online safety topics, for example by reading the Vodafone Digital Parenting magazine or visiting links on the Internet eg [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org) (There are lots of other links on the school website)*
- *I am aware of the dangers of using computers and the Internet and understand how to take precautions to protect my child at home, for example using children logins, filtering and monitoring, supervised use and family agreements.*
- *I will not send children to school with devices that are enabled to access the phone network or take photos or media, eg smart watches.*

**Name(s) (Printed)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick:

- ☐ Pupil
- ☐ Parent
- ☐ School staff
- ☐ Governor
- ☐ Visitor