

LUCTON SCHOOL

Acceptable Use of the Internet



Aims

1. To allow all users to access and use the Internet for educational purposes. This can include:
 - email and World Wide Web facilities.
 - individual research/preparation of lessons
 - project work/homework assignments
 - communicating with other teachers and students
 - making arrangements for official school activities
 - communicating with other education establishments
 - communicating with local and national government departments
 - communicating with suppliers of educational equipment
- Provide a mechanism by which staff and students are protected from sites, information, and individuals, which would undermine the principles and aims of the school.
2. Provide rules which are consistent, and in agreement with the Data Protection Act.
3. Provide rules, which are consistent with the acceptable procedures commonly used on the Internet, including those associated with netiquette.

Acceptable Use Policy: Parents and Guardians

The school has a connection to the Internet. The Internet is an important and valuable source of information which will enhance learning and understanding of pupils across many areas of the school curriculum. Schools across the world have access to the Internet, and many pupils are reaping the educational benefits of using this medium.

As a result of the open nature of the Internet, there is some material, which is unsuitable for viewing by young people, some of, which is illegal. Therefore, we have introduced procedures, which should enable your son/daughter to use the Internet facilities safely and securely. These procedures are included in the 'Pupil Agreement' on the reverse. We will make every effort to ensure that unsuitable material is not viewed by your son/daughter. Each school employee and each pupil using the Internet must agree to follow an Acceptable Use Policy. These policies set out the rules, which must be adhered to, for the protection of all users.

Parental Permission to use the Internet Facilities

As the parent/guardian of the pupil named below, I hereby acknowledge that I have read the above agreement on pupil use of the Internet and discussed it with my son/daughter. I understand that this access is meant to be for educational purposes. I recognise that, while every effort will be made to monitor pupil use of ICT in general and the Internet in particular, it is impossible for Lucton School to monitor continually and guarantee to restrict access to all controversial materials. I further acknowledge that, while questionable material exists on the Internet, the user must actively search for it, and, therefore, is ultimately responsible for bringing such material into the school. I, therefore, do not hold the staff or Headmistress or Governors of Lucton School responsible for any such materials acquired by my son/daughter from the Internet.

Parent / Guardian Name (Print)			
Parent / Guardian of Students Name (Print)			
Signed		Date	

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Use of ICT Equipment

Pupil's Agreement

I understand that the School must have the written permission of my parents/guardians before I am allowed to use the Internet. I can only use the Internet at School to research materials for lessons. The School will keep a record of when I use the internet and also which sites I visit or try to visit.

I agree to the following:

1. I will only use the Internet for schoolwork and I will NOT enter chat rooms or visit any unsuitable sites.
2. I will not access any areas of the Internet that are inappropriate or offensive. This applies to any material of an illegal, illicit, violent, dangerous, racist or sexual content.
3. I will not bring into school any inappropriate or offensive material. This applies to any material of an illegal, illicit, violent, dangerous, racist or sexual content.
4. If any unsuitable material appears when I am using the Internet I will immediately report it to my teacher or another adult.
5. I accept responsibility to keep copyrighted material from being downloaded into the School. I will not download any software, games, music, graphics, videos or text materials that are copyrighted.
6. I will not give personal information including credit card numbers, postal or E-mail addresses, telephone or fax numbers, or use photographs of any other pupils, any adult or myself.
7. I will always respect the privacy of files of other users. I will not enter the file areas of any other person.
8. I will not disclose any password of login name to anyone.
9. I will be polite and use appropriate language in all my ICT communications. I will not state anything, which could be interpreted as libel.
10. I agree to The Head of ICT, Deputy Head and Headmistress having the right to view any material I use on the school's computers or any computer brought onto the school premises.
11. If I use material from the Internet or CD ROMs in my work, I will select the information I need and present it in my own words.
12. I will not damage computers, computer systems or networks. If I discover any methods of causing such damage I will report them to the Head of ICT or other teachers and I will not demonstrate them to others.
13. If I break any of the terms of this agreement, I know that one or more of the following will result:
 - i. A ban, temporary or permanent, on the use of the Internet facilities at school.
 - ii. A letter informing my parents of the nature and breach of rules.
 - iii. Appropriate sanctions and restrictions placed on access to other school facilities.
 - iv. Any other action decided by the Deputy Head, Headmistress and Governors of the School.

I understand and agree to maintain all the above rules whenever I use the School's ICT equipment

Student Details			
Student Name (Print)			
Signed		Date	