



ST. TERESA'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Policy for the Safe use of the Internet

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A Statement and Evaluation of the Ethos of the School

Our school is a UNICEF Rights Respecting School and Article 29 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) underpins our school's visionary framework.

'Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures and the environment'

VISIONARY FRAMEWORK

VISION

St. Teresa's Primary School – 'Deeds Not Words'

AIMS

St. Teresa's Primary School promotes high achievement and learning for life

by working with children to:

- experience quality in a prayerful and Sacramental living out of Catholic Faith.
- be tolerant and respectful of themselves, others and the environment;
- be familiar with the UNCRC and show respect for these rights through their actions and beliefs;
- acquire knowledge and skills to be their individual best;
- be highly motivated life-long learners;
- be able to work independently and collaboratively;
- gain technological skills to equip them for the 21st century.



MISSION

We believe that each child will succeed through experiencing quality in:

- a caring and supportive environment;
- a broad and challenging curriculum;
- stimulating surroundings;
- innovative teaching and an investigative approach to learning;
- a learning partnership between school, home and the wider community.
- We demonstrate our commitment to working as a learning school by:
- striving for continuous improvement in all that we do;
- working collaboratively towards common goals;
- investing in people.



Policy for the acceptable use of the Internet in St. Teresa's Primary School

We in St. Teresa's recognise that the Internet, has enormous potential both as a tool for teaching, and supporting teachers and pupils in their work, as well as providing a forum for interacting with a wider peer group.

We also recognise that with access to the Internet comes the availability of material that may not be of educational value to our school and guidelines for its use must be strictly adhered to by all users. Therefore, staff and parents, on behalf of pupils, will be required to read and sign a statement on the acceptable use of the Internet.

LOCATION AND SUPERVISION

Access to the Internet, provided to any pupils, will be through a filtered service. Internet access for pupils will only be provided on computers which are in highly-used areas of the school and in full view of others. Permission to use the Internet must be sought from a teacher.

Staff

- ◆ Should ensure that they use the Internet in a professional manner consistent with the rules of behaviour governing employees in the education sector.
- ◆ Should ensure that pupils know and understand the rules for appropriate use of the Internet.
- ◆ Are responsible for the care and use of laptop computers/I-Pads which they have been allocated.

Pupils

- ◆ Will be required to have written permission from parents/guardians for access to the Internet in school.
- ◆ Will be made aware of the rules for the appropriate use of the Internet and why they exist.

Parents/Guardians

- ◆ Will be given an "Internet Use Agreement for Pupils" document which they will be required to sign before their child can access the Internet in school.



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Internet Use Agreement for Pupils

INTRODUCTION

Internet access is available for pupils in St. Teresa's. We feel that it will be of great benefit in enhancing pupils learning.

We also recognise the dangers associated with using the Internet and therefore the school:

- ◆ has drawn up rules on the correct use of the Internet; (attached)
- ◆ is seeking your permission for your child to access the Internet following the rules laid down by the school; (agreement form attached)
- ◆ will use service providers which are filtered to ensure the protection of the children from unsuitable materials.



Please read this agreement, discuss it with your child and return. A copy of the school's Internet Policy is available on request.

Pupil rules for responsible Internet use



The school has installed computer and Internet access to help our learning. These rules will keep everyone safe and help us to be fair to others.

- ◆ I will only use the computer/Tablet for school work;
- ◆ I will not access other people's files without permission;
- ◆ I will not bring in C.D.s or digital material from outside school unless I have been given permission;
- ◆ I will ask permission from a teacher before using the Internet;
- ◆ I understand that the school may check my computer files, e-mails and may monitor the Internet sites I visit;
- ◆ I will only e-mail people whom my teacher has approved;
- ◆ The messages I send will be polite and responsible;
- ◆ I will not give my home address or telephone number or arrange to meet someone, unless my parent/guardian or teacher has given permission;
- ◆ I will report any unpleasant material/message sent to me. I understand that my report would be confidential and would help protect other pupils and myself;
- ◆ I will only download information/files which my teacher has permitted me to;
- ◆ If I do not abide by the above rules, my Internet privileges may be withdrawn;

Please read the following agreement before signing:

- ◆ The use of the school's Internet account is a privilege and not a right.
- ◆ I have made my child aware of the "Pupil rules for responsible Internet use".
- ◆ The school will deem what is acceptable use of the Internet.

Detach & Return

As the parent/guardian of the under-mentioned I have read the "Internet use Agreement Form" and "Pupil rules for responsible Internet use". I understand that the access is designed for educational purposes and any breach of the 'Pupil Rules' may result in my child's Internet privileges being withdrawn. Further I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby give permission to my child _____ to have access to the internet.

Parent/Guardian Name (print) _____

Signature _____

Date _____



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Acceptable Internet Use Statement

(staff)

The school's Internet Policy has been drawn up to protect all parties. The computer systems are owned by the school and made available for staff to enhance their professional activities. The school reserves the right to examine or delete any files that may be held on its computer systems or to monitor any Internet sites visited.

Staff requesting Internet access should sign a copy of this "Acceptable Internet Use Statement" and return to Mrs Connolly, ICT Co-ordinator.

Please read the following before signing:

- ◆ Inappropriate use of computer systems, allocated to staff by the school, is the responsibility of that person.
- ◆ Users are responsible for all e-mail sent and for contacts made that may result in e-mail being received.
- ◆ Copyright of materials must be respected.
- ◆ Posting anonymous messages and forwarding chain letters is forbidden.
- ◆ As e-mail can be forwarded or inadvertently be sent to the young person, the same professional levels of language and content should be applied as for letters or other media.
- ◆ Use of the Internet to access inappropriate materials such as pornographic, racist, or offensive materials is forbidden.
- ◆ Use of the Internet for inappropriate commercial purposes is not acceptable.
- ◆ Permission must be sought to enter another user's folders/work/files.

I accept the above conditions.

Staff Name (*print*)

Signature

Date
