

The R J Mitchell Primary School – Internet Agreement

Dear Parents/Carers

Before your child is allowed to continue to use the Internet, we would ask parents/guardians to read, sign and return this Internet agreement. We have included our policy on access to the Internet, for your information.

General Policy

Expectations of Pupils using the Internet. Pupils must:

1. Only use the Internet when supervised by a teacher
2. Not disclose their home address/telephone number over the Internet, unless parents and teacher have given permission.
3. Not send a photo over the Internet without permission from parents and teacher.
4. Never arrange to meet anybody in person.
5. Not use bad language in their email messages.
6. Inform the teacher if in receipt of messages with bad language.
7. Not intentionally seek out offensive materials. (E.g.: distasteful, rude or violent text or pictures.
8. Inform the teacher immediately if any offensive material appears while online.
9. Understand that teachers will have access to pupils' emails and other Internet related files and may check these on a regular basis to ensure expectations of behaviour are being met.
10. Understand that refusal to comply with these expectations may result in access to Internet resources being denied.

In school we use a filtered Internet Service Provider which blocks access to as much inappropriate material as it can. Teachers will also guide pupils towards appropriate materials as set out in the school policy.

Pupils are responsible for good behaviour on the Internet just as they are in a classroom or a school corridor. General school rules apply.

The Internet is provided for pupils to conduct research and communicate with others. Parents' permission is required. Remember that access is a privilege, not a right and that access requires responsibility.

Individual users of the Internet are responsible for their behaviour and communications over the network.

It is presumed that users will comply with school standards and will honour the agreements their parents have signed.

Staff reserves the right to review files and communications to ensure that users are using the system responsibly.

Users should not expect that files stored on servers or disks will always be private.

In school we use a filtered Internet Service Provider which blocks access to as much inappropriate material as it can, teachers will always guide pupils towards appropriate materials. Outside of school, families bear responsibility for such guidance, as they must also exercise with information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio and other potentially offensive materials.

The following are not permitted:

1. Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures.
2. Using obscene language.
3. Violating copyright laws.
4. Using others' passwords.
5. Trespassing in others folders, work or files. Intentionally wasting limited resources.

PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE ONLY.

Parent/Guardian

As the parent or legal guardian I give permission for my child:

Name.....

to use email and the World Wide Web as described in the school's Internet Policy.

I understand that pupils will be held accountable for their own actions. I also understand that some material on the Internet may be objectionable and I accept responsibility, together with the school, for explaining to my child the procedures they are expected to follow when using the Internet and email.

Signed.....Date.....

Parent/Guardian