

Water Primary School Online Safety Policy & Permissions



Dear Parent/Carer

The use of ICT including the Internet, e-mail, learning platforms and today's mobile technologies are an integral element of learning in our school. To make this as successful and as beneficial as possible for all learners, we expect all pupils to act safely and responsibly when using technology both within, and outside of, the school environment.

This is particularly relevant when using Social Network Sites which are becoming increasingly popular amongst both the adult population and young people. However, many sites do have age-restriction policies where the minimum acceptable age is 13 years. Any child who sets up or uses such a site and is below the acceptable age is in clear breach of these age-restriction policies and therefore we actively discourage this in our school.

The enclosed ICT Acceptable Use Policy forms part of the wider School online safety Policy and alongside the school's Behaviour Policy outlines those principles we expect our pupils to uphold for the benefit of both themselves and the wider school community.

Your support in achieving these aims is essential and I would therefore ask that you please read and discuss the enclosed ICT Acceptable Use Policy with your child and return the completed document as soon as possible.

Along with addressing online safety as part of your child's learning, we will also be giving advice to parents and carers about online safety during the school year. If you would like to find out more about online safety for parents and carers, please visit the Lancsngfl online safety website <http://www.lancsngfl.ac.uk/onlinesafety> . Plus our website www.water.lancs.sch.uk. Click on pupils then online safety.

Signing the School Acceptable Use Policy helps us to maintain responsible use of ICT and safeguards the pupils in school. If you have any concerns or would like to discuss any aspect of the use of ICT in school, please do not hesitate to contact *me*.

Yours sincerely
Miss E McKay
Headteacher

