

Acceptable Use Agreement Policy – Parents

New technologies have become integral to the lives of the children and young people in today's society, both within schools and in their lives outside school. The internet and other digital information and communications technologies are powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. These technologies can stimulate discussion, promote creativity and stimulate awareness of context to promote effective learning. Young people should have an entitlement to safe internet access at all times.

This agreement is intended to ensure that young people will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other technologies for educational, personal and recreational use. It also aims to protect school ICT systems and users from accidental and deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk. It is also used to make parents/carers aware of the importance of online and is involved with the education and guidance of young people when they are using the internet or devices.

School will try to ensure that the students will have good access to ICT to enhance their learning. In return, we expect our students to agree to be responsible users. Please read the acceptable use agreement on the school's website to ensure you understand the school's expectations. Copies of these can be found at the school office too.

Parents are requested to read the relevant agreement and let school know if you **do not** agree to any of the items as listed. If we hear nothing from you, we will presume that you are in agreement with us on the items mentioned.

Should you have any concerns or problems with these policies that you would like to discuss with someone in school, please contact the school office.

As the parent/carer of pupils at Staining C of E Primary, I give permission for my son/daughter to have access to the internet and to ICT systems in school.

I know that my child has signed an acceptable user agreement and will receive ongoing online education to help them understand the importance of safe use of ICT – both in and out of school.

I understand that school will take every reasonable precaution, including monitoring and filtering systems, to ensure that young people will be safe when they use the internet and ICT systems. I also understand that the school cannot ultimately be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed on the internet and using mobile technologies.

I understand that my child's activity on the ICT systems will be monitored and that the school will contact me if they have any concerns about any possible breaches of the Acceptable Use Policy.

I will encourage my child to adopt safe use of the internet and digital technologies at home and will inform the school if I have any concerns over my child's online safety.

Thank you for your support.

Online Safety Officer