

Precautions taken in school

Use of a filtered Service: All access to the Internet is provided through the C2K filtered service, organised by the Department of Education.

Supervision: Internet use is supervised by an adult.

Planned Activities: Use of the Internet is a planned activity. Websites are previewed by teachers and search engines are used selectively.

Restrictions on Email: Only send e-mail or any other form of electronic communication in school when directed by the teacher

Internet Safety Rules: Children are taught to be Internet Wise

Permission from Parents: Permission from parents is required before any pupil has access to the Internet.

When using the C2K system pupils should

- only use their own login username and password
- use the Internet for school/educational purposes only
- tell a teacher immediately if he/she sees anything that they consider inappropriate or receive messages they do not like
- only send e-mail or any other form of electronic communication in school when directed by the teacher
- make sure any internet based communication is polite and responsible
- understand that if they consistently choose not to comply with these expectations they will be warned and subsequently may be denied access to Internet resources
- understand that the school may check their computer files/e-mails and may monitor the Internet sites that they visit when on school systems.

Points for Parents

It is important to promote Internet Safety in the home and to monitor Internet use:

- Keep the computer in a communal area of the home.
- Monitor on-line time & be aware of excessive hours spent on the Internet.
- Take an interest in what the children are doing. Discuss with them what they are seeing & using on the Internet.
- Advise children to take care & to use the Internet in a sensible & responsible manner. Know the SMART tips.
- Discuss the fact that some websites are unsuitable.
- Discuss how children should respond to unsuitable materials or requests.
- Remind children never to give out personal information on the Internet.
- Remind children that people on-line may not be who they say they are.
- Be vigilant. Ensure that children do not arrange to meet someone they meet on-line.

ONLINE SAFETY RULES – FOLLOW THE SMART TIPS

Secret always keep your name, address, mobile telephone number and password private – it's like giving out the keys of your home!

Meeting someone you have contacted in Cyberspace can be dangerous. Only do so with your parent's / carer's permission, and then when they can be present.

Accepting emails or opening files from people you don't really know or trust can get you into trouble – they may contain viruses or nasty messages.

Remember someone on-line may be lying and not be who they say they are. Stick to public areas in chat rooms and if you feel uncomfortable simply get out of there!

Tell your parent or carer if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried.

SMART Tips from: *Helping your parents be cool about the Internet*, produced by **Northern Area Child Protection Committees**

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1 SUMMARY OF INTERNET / ONLINE SAFETY POLICY

2 ACCEPTABLE USE OF THE INTERNET GUIDELINES FOR PUPILS & PARENTS

Our full Online Safety and ICT policy is available
from the office

What is the Internet?

The Internet is a huge network of computers making a worldwide community. It is a way of connecting computers together so that people using them can:

- Talk to each other and have fun.
- Send and receive messages.
- Obtain information and resources.
- Publish information.
- Buy and sell things.

Why do we use the Internet in school?

The Internet is a unique and exciting resource. It brings the world into the classroom. It has many educational benefits:

- Provides opportunities to find up to date information that might otherwise be unavailable in school.
- Provides fast and efficient communication.
- Encourages independent learning & children enjoy using it.
- Use of Internet is an essential skill for children as they grow up in the modern world.

As part of the curriculum and the development of ICT skills, we provide supervised access to the Internet. We believe that the effective use of the World Wide Web and e-mail is worthwhile and is an essential skill for children as they grow up in the modern world we live in today.

Use of Webcams

Webcams are cameras connected to the internet. They provide a continuous stream of live video & are typically used for one-to-one conversation, video conferencing or broadcasting across the internet.

Webcams can offer teachers effective ways of using ICT across the curriculum which engage children with technology in an interactive way. They allow children to see real time events, bring far-off places to life, and can inspire curiosity and imagination.

Webcams can facilitate collaboration between schools in different parts of the country, or the world, on a joint project. Children will only be using a webcam in school when an adult is present.

What are the dangers for my child using the Internet?

The Internet is available to all. This can bring young people into contact with unsuitable persons.

Children should be taught:

- People they encounter on the Internet are not always who they say they are.
- That they should never give personal details to a stranger on the Internet.
- That they should never meet alone anyone contacted via the internet.

Some material on the Internet can be inappropriate for children as it may contain unsuitable information or images. Children need to know how to respond to unsuitable materials or requests on the Internet.

They should be taught:

- To tell a teacher or an adult immediately if they find unsuitable material.
- To tell a teacher or adult immediately if they are requested to do something that makes them worried and / or uncomfortable.

When using the C2K system pupils should never

- access other people's files without their permission.
- change or delete other people's work/files without their permission.
- provide personal information such as telephone numbers and addresses when using the Internet.
- use electronic communication to arrange to meet anyone.
- use Social Media or equivalent while in school.
- bring in memory devices from home to use in school unless given permission by a member of staff.
- use any personal electronic devices they have their possession within school to access the internet or any messaging services unless permission has been given by a member of staff.

What can we do in school?

Although there are concerns about children having access to undesirable materials, we have taken positive steps to reduce this risk in school:

- Our school internet provider C2K operates a filtering system that restricts access to inappropriate materials
- Internet use is supervised by an adult.
- The use of the Internet is a planned activity and websites are previewed by teachers.
- All children will be asked to only use the search engine Google when conducting a search in school
- Children are taught Internet safety rules (see overleaf).

Whilst every endeavour is made to ensure that suitable restrictions are placed on the ability of children to access inappropriate materials, the school cannot be held responsible for the nature or content of materials accessed through the Internet. The rules overleaf are displayed in the computer suite and in all the classrooms and children will be reminded of them regularly.

What can you do at Home?

It is important to promote Internet Safety in the home and to take an interest in what your children are doing on the Internet.

- Keep the computer in an area of your home where you can see your child using it.
- Monitor the amount of time spent on the Internet can be unhealthy.
- Remind children that there are websites which are unsuitable. If they come across unsuitable materials, they must tell you or an adult immediately.
- Know the SMART rules for the Internet safety and discuss them with your children.