

Wilmington Primary School

Rules for Responsible Internet Use

Pupils' Access to the Internet

Wilmington Primary School use a "filtered" Internet Service, which will minimise the chances of pupils encountering undesirable material. Teachers will normally only allow children to use the Internet when there is a responsible adult present to supervise. However, it is unrealistic to suppose that the teacher's attention will always be directed toward the computer screen. Members of staff will be aware of the potential for misuse, and will be responsible for explaining to pupils, the expectation we have of pupils. Teachers will have access to pupils' emails and other Internet related files and will check these on a regular basis to ensure expectations of behaviour are being met.

Expectations of Pupils using the Internet

- All pupils are expected to read and agree the Internet Agreement.
- At Wilmington, we expect all pupils to be responsible for their own behaviour on the Internet, just as they are anywhere else in school. This includes materials they choose to access, and language they use.
- Pupils using the Internet are expected not to deliberately seek out offensive materials. Should any pupils encounter any such material accidentally, they are expected to report it immediately to a teacher.
- Pupils are expected not to use any rude language in their email communications and contact only people they know or those the teacher has approved. It is forbidden to be involved in sending chain letters.
- Pupils must ask permission before accessing the Internet.
- Pupils will not access social networking sites unless expressly permitted by the school or as part of a specific learning activity.
- Pupils should not access other people's files unless permission has been given.
- Computers should only be used for schoolwork and homework unless permission has been granted otherwise.
- No applications may be downloaded to the school's computers from the Internet or brought in on portable media from home for use in school
- School work completed at home may be brought in on portable media, but this must be virus scanned by the class teacher before use.
- Personal printing is not allowed on the school network.
- No personal information such as phone numbers and addresses should be given out and no arrangements to meet someone made unless this is part of an approved school project.
- The school encourages the use of anti-virus software on machines used at home.

- Pupils consistently choosing not to comply with these expectations will be warned, and subsequently, may be denied access to Internet resources.

School Website

- The website will be regularly checked to ensure that there is no content that compromises the safety of pupils or staff.
- The publications of children’s work will be decided by a teacher.
- The school website will avoid publishing the full names of individuals in a photograph.
- The school will ensure that the image files are appropriately named and will not use pupils’ names in image file names if published on the web.

Sanctions

Persistent misuse of the internet by pupils will result in reduced access to the Internet. Misuse of other technologies will result in a complete ban and/or confiscation. Both of these actions will take place for a set period of time agreed by the Headteacher. Parents will always be notified.

No application or services accessed by pupils or their parents may be used to bring the school or its members into disrepute.

All users have a responsibility to report any known misuses of technology, including the unacceptable behaviours of others.

Use of Photographs and/or Video

Wilmington Primary School uses photographs and/or videos to showcase our pupil’s achievements and promote the school.

Wilmington Primary School Pupil Internet Agreement

Please tick the boxes and sign:

I have read through this agreement with my child, and we agree to these safety measures.

Signed:.....(Parent/Carer)

Name of child:

Class:

Date: