

CATCOTT PRIMARY



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# ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

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## Catcott Primary School

### Acceptable Use Policy for Internet and online services

- 1 Pupils must obtain the permission of parent(s)/guardian(s) before they can be allowed to use the online services (e.g. internet, email etc). The parental permission form (below) must be signed and returned to the school.
- 2 Pupils should only use the school computer systems for those activities and services (Internet and Email) which they have been given permission to use.
- 3 Pupils must only use the school computers with the permission and under the supervision of a member of staff.
- 4 Activities which use the Internet during taught lessons will be directly related to school work. Use of the Internet outside of taught lessons is at the discretion of a member of staff who will set guidelines and rules for its use.
- 5 Pupils must only use the user name and password that they have been given.
- 6 Pupils should not download and use material or copy and paste content which is copyright. Most sites will allow the use of published materials for educational use. Teachers will give guidelines on how and when pupils should use information from the Internet.
- 7 The Internet access provided at Catcott Primary school is filtered to stop access to unsuitable material. As no filtering system can be 100% effective, it is important that parents are aware that users of the system are required to act responsibly. Under no circumstances should pupils attempt to view, upload or download any material that is likely to be unsuitable for children or schools. Pupils have a responsibility to inform the member of staff supervising them if they have accidentally accessed inappropriate content.
- 8 Pupils will be taught to respect the privacy of files of other users. They will be taught not to enter, or attempt to enter without permission, the file areas of other pupils or staff.
- 9 Parents are asked to explain the importance to their child of these rules for the safe use of the Internet and to sign and return to the school the parental permission form (below). No disks from home can be used on systems in school unless they have been virus scanned.
- 10 It is the policy of the school not to identify individual children in photographs used in local newspapers or on the Internet.
- 11 Failure to comply with these rules will result in one or more of the following:
  - A ban, temporary or permanent, on the use of the Internet at school.
  - A letter informing parents of the nature and breach of rules.
  - Appropriate sanctions and restrictions placed on future access to school facilities to be decided by the school.

If you do not understand any part of this "Acceptable Use Policy", please ask a member of staff for guidance. You should only sign the parental permission form when you have read, understood and have explained the importance of these rules to your child.



## **Parental permission for pupil use of internet facilities and online services at Catcott Primary School**

The school has a connection to the Internet. The Internet provides a number of important and valuable contributions that can enhance learning and understanding in all of the school curriculum areas. Thousands of schools across the world now have access to the Internet, and many pupils and students are reaping the educational benefits this learning resource provides.

As a result of the open and unregulated nature of the Internet, there is some material that is unsuitable for viewing by children. Therefore, we have introduced procedures that should enable your child to use the Internet facilities safely and securely. A copy of the school's Acceptable Use Policy is attached to this letter. We will make every effort to ensure that unsuitable material is not viewed by your child. A member of staff will monitor each session. Each member of staff and parents of each pupil using the Internet must agree to the Acceptable Use Policy. This policy sets out the rules that must be adhered to, for the protection of all users.

For information on safer internet use please visit: [www.catcottprimary.co.uk/e-safety](http://www.catcottprimary.co.uk/e-safety)

**Please complete and sign the form below and return to the school office for our records.  
If this form is not returned use of the Internet and/or E-mail service will be withheld.**

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**I have read, understood and explained the Acceptable Use Policy to my child:**

Pupil Name (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the services you will allow your child to use:

<b>Service:</b>	<b>Signature of Parent/Guardian</b>
The Internet (filtered access via industry standard filtering)	
Other online services which the school deems appropriate	

I understand that the school will ask my specific permission prior to any pictures of my child being placed on the school or any other website.