



Whitehall Junior Community School

WHITEHALL JUNIOR SCHOOL

Internet Access Policy

The purpose of internet access in school is to contribute to learning and to the raising of educational standards and to support continued professional development of all staff. Access to the internet is a necessary tool for the whole school community.

Using the Internet to support effective learning

The school's Internet Service Provider is RM and includes filtering appropriate to the age of the children.

Internet access is an integral part of the use of ICT to support learning and the management of learning.

Pupils will be given clear objectives for Internet use.

All staff will be trained in the use of the Internet to support their professional development, their lesson preparation and the creation of challenging learning tasks.

Staff will pre-select sites which will support the learning outcomes planned for the pupils age and maturity.

Pupils will be allowed to use the Internet to search for information and resources to meet learning objectives.

Teaching the pupils to access Internet content

Pupils will be taught how to carry out structured searches of the Internet.

Pupils will be instructed to tell a member of staff immediately if they find material that makes them feel uncomfortable.

Pupils will be taught how to use e-mail to communicate with people they know and those they do not.

How the school will ensure the safe use of the Internet in teaching and learning

Pupils will be supervised at all times. This may include supervision by teachers or support staff.

Children are told that it is possible for staff to track sites which have been visited.

Children will be told their work on Purple Mash is monitored and recorded and anything unacceptable will be dealt with by the class teacher / TLR.

If staff or pupils discover unsuitable material, the URL and the content will be reported without delay to the Internet Service Provider by The ICT subject leader.

Management of e-mail

Pupils are required to use e-mail as part of the National Curriculum.

Messages sent from a school computer should be regarded in the same way as messages written on school headed paper.

E-mail sent from school computers is liable to random checks.

All staff will be provided with an e-mail address.

How access to the Internet will be authorised

Access to the Internet is required to fulfil the requirements of the National Curriculum. All pupils will be provided with the minimum access required.

The children will be taught how to use the Internet in a responsible and appropriate way.

All parents will be provided with information about the school's supervised Internet access arrangements and pupils will be asked to sign the acceptable use policy. Parents will be requested to countersign and the school will keep a copy of this.

Disclaimer

Due to the process involved in publishing information on the Internet, it is not possible to guarantee that unsuitable material will never appear on a computer screen.

The security of the system

An up to date virus protection will be maintained on all computer systems.