



St. Brendan's Community School

Acceptable Internet Use – Rules for our school.

- 1) I will only use my own network login and password.
- 2) I will not look at, change or delete other people's files.
- 3) I will not bring in my personal software, discs, memory sticks, MP3 player, or personal digital devices into the computer room unless instructed by a teacher.
- 4) I will ask permission before using the Internet.
- 5) I will tell the teacher if I see a problem with any computer, for example visible damage or software problems.
- 6) I will not download software from the Internet.
- 7) I will not copy information into assignments and fail to acknowledge the source (plagiarism and copyright infringement).
- 8) I will not give my address or phone number, or that of the school, online.
- 9) I will only e-mail people that my teacher has approved.
- 10) I will treat others with respect at all times and will not undertake any actions that may bring the school into disrepute.
- 11) I will not use Internet chat or social networking sites such as Facebook, Bebo or Twitter during school hours or while on school premises.
- 12) I will not post online or upload content of any sort that may infringe upon the privacy of another student or any member of staff.
- 13) I will tell a teacher immediately if I see anything I am unhappy with or I receive messages I do not like.
- 14) I understand that, in certain circumstances, if the school has reason to suspect I have been misusing the Internet in anyway that they MAY check my computer files and the Internet sites I have visited.
- 15) I will not send or receive any material that is illegal, obscene or defamatory that is intended to annoy or intimidate another person.
- 16) I will not intentionally visit Internet sites that contain obscene pornographic, offensive, abusive, racist, libelous, defamatory, threatening, illegal, hateful or otherwise objectionable materials.

Pupil

I agree to follow the school's Acceptable Use Policy on the use of the Internet. I will use the Internet in a responsible way and obey all the rules explained to me by the school.

Pupil's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

A note on Personal Digital Devices (including Mobile Phones)

Pupils using their own technology in school and on school related activities may only do so under the supervision of a teacher, or with permission from a teacher. Images captured on these devices may be used for educational purposes only, and may not be posted on social network sites.

Sanctions

Misuse of the Internet may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the school's Code of Behaviour. The school also reserves the right to report any illegal activities to the appropriate authorities.

Parent/Guardian

As the parent or legal guardian of the above pupil, I have read the Acceptable Use Policy and grant permission for my son or daughter or the child in my care to access the Internet. I understand that Internet access is intended for educational purposes. I also understand that every reasonable precaution has been taken by the school to provide for online safety but the school cannot be held responsible if pupils access unsuitable websites. I have discussed the above rules with my son/daughter and can verify that they clearly understand all of the points outlined.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____