

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Scoil Íde, New Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22.

The aim of this Acceptable Use Policy is to ensure that pupils will benefit from learning opportunities offered by the schools Internet resources in a safe and effective manner. Internet use and access to it is considered a school resource and privilege. Therefore if the school A.U.P. is not adhered to this privilege will be withdrawn and appropriate sanctions as outlined in the A.U.P. will be imposed. The Internet is subject to a filtering system provided by NCTE.

It is envisaged that school and parent representatives will revise the A.U.P. annually. Before signing, the A.U.P. should be read carefully to ensure that the conditions of use are accepted and understood.

This version of the A.U.P. was created in February 2012 by Board of Management & Staff.

School's Strategy

The school will employ a number of strategies in order to maximise learning opportunities and reduce risks associated with the Internet. These strategies are as follows;

General

- Internet sessions will always be supervised by a teacher
- The school will regularly monitor pupils Internet usage
- Students and Teacher will be provided with training in the area of Internet safety
- The use of personal portable media in the school will not be permitted
- Students will be expected to have respect for the Internet facility at all times

World Wide Web

- Students will use the Internet for educational purposes only
- Students will be familiar with copyright issues in relation to online learning

Email

- Students will note that sending and receiving email attachments is subject to permission from their teacher
- Students will use approved class email accounts and attachments only with permission from a teacher.
- Students will not reveal their own or other peoples personal details, such as addresses or telephone numbers or pictures.

School Website

- Pupils may be given the opportunity to publish projects, artwork or school work on the World Wide Web.
- This publication of student work will be co-ordinated by a teacher.
- Pupils work may appear in an educational context on Web pages with a copyright notice prohibiting the copying of such work without express written permission.
- Any Digital photographs, audio or video clips published on the school web-site will focus on group activities. Video clips may be password protected.
- Personal pupil information including home address and contact details will be omitted from school web pages.

Sanctions

- Misuse of the Internet facility will result in disciplinary action in line with the school I.T. policy. The school will be obliged to report any illegal activities to the appropriate authorities.