



## Rules for the use of the Internet

All pupils and their parents/carers will be asked to read and sign a Pupil Internet Agreement covering the expectations that we have of pupils using the Internet in School.

- We expect all pupils to be responsible for their own behaviour on the Internet, just as they are elsewhere in School. This includes the materials that they choose to access and the language they use.
- Birmingham Local Authority has installed forensic software on all School computers; this software records the detail of every website accessed and sits alongside powerful filtering and firewalls that work to block offensive materials. Pupils using the internet are expected not to deliberately seek out offensive material. However, should any pupil encounter any such material accidentally, they are expected to report it immediately to a member of staff.
- Pupils are expected not to use any offensive language in their email communications and to contact only people they know, or those a member of staff has approved. It is forbidden to be involved in sending chain letters.
- Pupils must ask permission before accessing the Internet. 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 program files may be downloaded from the Internet.
- No programs on disc or CD Rom should be brought in from home for use in School.
- No floppy discs may be brought in from home owing to the risk of viruses.
- Personal printing is not allowed on our network without permission, and a charge may be made.
- No personal information such as telephone numbers and addresses should be given out and no arrangements to meet someone made unless this is part of an approved School project.

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

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