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Parent/Carer Acceptable Use Policy Agreement

Rights Respecting Schools Articles

Article 13

You have the right to find out things and share what you think with others, by talking, drawing, writing or in any other way unless it harms or offends other people.

Article 17

You have the right to get information that is important to your well being, from radio, newspaper, books, computers and other sources. Adults should make sure that the information you are getting is not harmful, and help you find and understand the information you need.

School Policy

New technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people in today's society, both within schools and in their lives outside school. The internet and other digital information and communications technologies are powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. These technologies can stimulate discussion, promote creativity and stimulate awareness of context to promote effective learning. Young people should have an entitlement to safe internet access at all times.

This Acceptable Use Policy is intended to ensure:

- that young people will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other communications technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.
- that school ICT systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.
- that parents and carers are aware of the importance of e-safety and are involved in the education and guidance of young people with regard to their on-line behaviour.
- that parents and carers will have a responsibility to only allow to access sites and applications that are suitable for their child's age.

Dosthill School will try to ensure that learners will have good access to ICT to enhance their learning and will, in return, expect the learners to agree to be responsible users. A copy of the Learner Acceptable Use Policy is attached to this permission form, so that parents/carers will be aware of the school expectations of the young people in their care.

Parents/Carers are requested to sign the permission form below to show their support of the school in this important aspect of the school's work.

Permission Form

As the parent / carer of the above learner, I give permission for my son / daughter to have access to the internet and to ICT systems at school.

I know that my son / daughter has signed an Acceptable Use Agreement and has received, or will receive, e-safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of ICT - both in and out of school.



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I understand that the school will take every reasonable precaution, including monitoring and filtering systems, to ensure that young people will be safe when they use the internet and ICT systems. I also understand that the school cannot ultimately be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed on the internet and using mobile technologies.

I understand that my son's / daughter's activity on the ICT systems will be monitored and that the school will contact me if they have concerns about any possible breaches of the Acceptable Use Policy.

I will encourage my child to adopt safe use of the internet and digital technologies at home and will inform the school if I have concerns over my child's e-safety.

Name of child	
Parent / Carers Name	
Signed	
Date	



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Use of Digital/Video Images

The use of digital/video images plays an important part in learning activities. Learners and members of staff may use digital cameras to record evidence of activities in lessons and out of school. These images may then be used in presentations in subsequent lessons.

Images may also be used to celebrate success through their publication in newsletters, on the school website and occasionally in the public media,

The school will comply with the Data Protection Act and request parents/carers permission before taking images of members of the school. We will also ensure that when images are published that the young people can not be identified by the use of their names.

Parents/Carers are requested to sign the permission form below to allow the school to take and use images of their children.

Standard Photography and Video Code of Practice

This code of conduct specifies the manner in which Dosthill School will use and make available photographic images of pupils.

The school will:

- not use photographs in any form of internal or external publication where we do not have consent or there is written objection from a parent/carer;
- not use photographs of pupils in PE clothes or swimwear other than for instructional purposes where images are needed to demonstrate the activity to pupils;
- not reveal within the image personal details, such as pupils' date of birth, home address or telephone number.

In using materials of school age children for its purposes the County Council will:

- always ensure that parental permission has been given via this standard form;
- not use images of children to illustrate child protection issues, fostering and adoption services or Youth Offending Services.

Permission Form

As the parent/carer of the above learner, I agree to the school taking and using digital/video images of my child/children. I understand that the images will only be used to support learning activities or in publicity that reasonably celebrates success and promotes the work of the school.

I agree that if I take digital or video images at, or of, - school events which include images of children, other than my own, I will abide by these guidelines in my use of these images.

Name of child	
Parent / Carers Name	
Signed	
Date	

On the following pages we have copied, for the information of parents and carers, the Learner Acceptable Use Agreement.