

**All Saints Primary School, Alrewas.
Use of the Internet Policy.**

Introduction.

Usually the resources used by pupils are carefully chosen by the teacher and determined by school policies. The use of the internet will provide access to information not selected by the teacher. Most of the time pupils will be directed to sites reviewed and chosen specifically by the teacher, but, at times they will be able to move beyond this into unfamiliar sites.

The purpose of this policy is to;

- Establish the ground rules we have in school for using the Internet.
- Describe how these fit into our PSHE policy.
- Demonstrate the methods used to protect the children from sites containing pornography, racist or politically extreme views and violence.

The school believes that the benefits to pupils from access to the resources of the Internet, far exceed the disadvantages. Ultimately, the responsibility for setting the standards that children are expected to follow, when using media and information resources, is one the school shares with parents.

We believe that the best way to protect children is a combination of site-filtering, of supervision and by fostering a responsible attitude in our pupils in partnership with parents.

Pupils' Access to the Internet.

All Saints School will use Staffordshire County Council's filtered Internet Service, which will minimize the chances of pupils encountering undesirable material. We will only allow children to use the Internet when there is a responsible adult present. Members of staff will be aware of the potential misuse and are responsible for explaining to pupils the expectations we have of them. Teachers have access to pupils' files and e-mail addresses and will keep regular a check.

Expectations of pupils using the Internet.

- We expect all pupils to be responsible for their own behaviour on the Internet, as they are anywhere else in school.
- Pupils using the World Wide Web are expected not to deliberately seek out offensive materials. If they encounter any such sites by accident they should report it to the teacher immediately so that the service provider can block further access to that site.
- Pupils are expected not to use inappropriate language in their communications to others, and to contact only those approved by their teacher.

- Pupils must seek permission before using the Internet.
- Pupils should not use files or CD Roms brought in from home. This avoids corruption of data and viruses. Any homework done on disk will have to be virus checked before use.
- No personal information should be given out and there should be no arrangements to meet anyone.

School Web Site Guidelines

A website can celebrate good work, promote the school, publish resources for projects and homework, and link to other sites of interest. No names and photographs that can identify individual pupils will appear on it. No individual e-mail addresses will appear; only the school's official address. Group photos will not contain a names list. The work displayed will be of the highest quality and reflect the status of the school.

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