



Lady Bankes Primary School

Responsible use of the Internet

As part of the pupils' curriculum and the development of ICT skills, we are providing supervised access to the Internet, including emails. We also maintain a school website.

Access to the Internet will enable pupils to explore thousands of libraries and databases while exchanging messages with other Internet users throughout the world. Although there have been concerns about pupils having access to undesirable materials, we are taking positive steps to deal with this risk in school. Our school Internet provider operates a filtering system that restricts access to inappropriate materials.

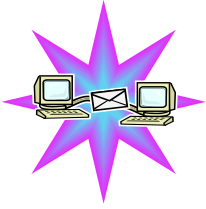
Our aim for Internet use is to further educational goals and objectives. We believe that the benefits to pupils from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages, but, ultimately, parents/guardians are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, the school supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

During school, teachers will select materials for pupils to view and supervise all sessions. Outside of school, families bare the same responsibility for such guidance information sources such as television, telephones, films, radio and other potentially offensive media.

While every endeavour is made to ensure that suitable restrictions are placed on the ability of children to access inappropriate materials, the School cannot be held responsible for the nature or content of materials accessed through the Internet. The School will not be liable under any circumstances for any damages arising from your child's use of the Internet facilities.

While the school's website can be accessed by anyone, its primary purpose is to provide parents and pupils with a convenient resource for those who have Internet access. To enhance our site we may include, from time to time, work and photographs of pupils. We never allow a pupil's photograph to appear with their name.

We would be grateful if you could read the enclosed guidance and then complete the permission form that follows. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss any aspect of our Internet use.



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ACCEPTABLE INTERNET USE STATEMENT

The computer system is owned by the school, and is used by pupils to further their education and by staff to enhance their professional activities including teaching, research, administration and management. The school's Internet Access Policy has been drawn up to protect all parties – the pupils, the staff and the school.

The school reserves the right to examine or delete any files that may be held on its computer system or to monitor any Internet sites visited.

- All Internet activity should be appropriate to staff professional activity or the student's education.
- Access should only be made via the authorised account and password that is only made available to teaching staff.
- Activity that threatens the integrity of the school ICT systems, or activity that attacks or corrupts other systems, is forbidden.
- Teachers are responsible for all emails sent and for contacts made that may result in emails being received.
- Use for personal financial gain, gambling, political purposes or advertising is forbidden.
- Copyright of materials must be respected.
- Posting anonymous messages and forwarding chain letters is forbidden.
- As emails can be forwarded or inadvertently be sent to the wrong person, the same professional levels of language and content should be applied as for letters.
- Use of the network to access inappropriate materials is forbidden.

(This policy has been written with reference to Kent National Grid for Learning Initiative Internet Access Policy Template for Schools and the National Association for Co-ordinators and Teachers of IT Policy).