Pool House C P School

Internet Access Policy

Introduction

Pool House C P School will allow pupils, teachers, other employees and members of the local community access to our computers, network services and the Internet.

All pupil activity, when using the network and Internet in school, will be in support of education and/or research and will be appropriate to the educational objectives of the school. Pupils who access the Internet from the school are responsible for everything that takes place on their computer and all Internet activity is logged.

Benefits

Access to e-mail and the Internet will enable staff and pupils to:

- explore thousands of libraries, databases, museums and other repositories of information;
- exchange personal communication with other Internet users;
- be included in Government initiatives and global educational projects;
- keep abreast of news and current events;
- take part in live discussion with experts;
- publish and display their work by creating personal Web pages.

Effective Use

Internet access will be planned to enrich and extend learning activities as an integral aspect of the curriculum.

Pupils will:

- be given clear objectives of Internet use;
- be educated in responsible and effective Internet use;
- be supervised appropriately;
- learn to search for and discriminate between valid and inappropriate material;
- learn to copy, save and use materials found on the Internet without infringing copyright.

Safety

Internet access at Pool House is filtered by our Internet Service Provider, we also have a secondary filtering provided by a dedicated Internet server/router which provides additional filtering. All Web activity is logged so that pupil's activity can be monitored.

Personal Security Guidelines

Pupils should

- never reveal personal information, either their own or others, such as home addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses;
- not use photographs of themselves on Web pages unless their parent or guardian has given permission to do so;
- notify an adult immediately should they come across information or messages which are inappropriate, may be dangerous or make them feel uncomfortable;

- be aware that the author of an e-mail or Web page may not be the person they claim to be.

School and Personal Web Pages

Pupils will be encouraged to take an active role in writing Web pages. Web pages can be used to:

- document curricular research;
- be part of an online project;
- promote the school and community;
- publish resources for projects and homework;
- create personal pages detailing interests and displays of work.

At the beginning of each school year, parents will be asked to complete a parental permission form to allow their child/children to have access to the Internet.

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