

It is vital that we develop in children skills and attitudes that equip them for our increasingly technological society. To do this we all have to work within a framework which allows for safety and security.

These measures will give children safety and security of access to the Internet but as in all areas of school life accidents can occasionally happen. School may require to contact the parent in the event of inappropriate material being accessed within the school day.

Any pupil who deliberately abuses Internet access will be disciplined according to the school's disciplinary procedure and parents informed in the normal way.

If rules are broken ...

- School discipline procedures will apply.
- As with all breaches of discipline further steps may be taken

Your support for the above measures is vital to your child's safe use of a necessary resource for today's pupils.

Should there be any concern regarding the acceptable use policy for your child's school please contact the school in the first instance.

The current situation in schools is as follows ...

Once connected to the Internet a number of options are available:- browsing web pages, sending and receiving e-mail, entering into a video conference, joining a chat room or becoming involved in newsgroups. Of these only the first two are included in Fife Education's Internet connectivity and the third may be included once secure video conferencing is assured. Filtering software, which denies access to dubious websites and is updated on a regular basis, protects the pupils from such web pages. This software is held on servers at a central location. At present, in primary and special schools e-mail is restricted to the class and all messages are addressed to the school, not an individual.

With networks installed in all schools, pupils in Primary school from Primary 4 upwards are provided with class e-mail addresses and secondary pupils are issued with individual e-mail addresses.

Parents should be aware that to give pupils protection at home restrictions will have to be added by a parent or guardian, internet use monitored and possibly an internet agreement made with your child. A number of internet web sites provide useful information to parents...some are listed below

Parent Information

<http://www.getnetwise.org/>
<http://www.besafeonline.org/>

<http://www.parentscentre.gov.uk/>

<http://safety.ngfl.gov.uk/>
<http://www.chatdanger.com/>

Information for parents on acceptable use of the INTERNET

in Fife Schools



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<http://www.fife-education.org.uk>

Acceptable use of the INTERNET in Fife Schools

Advantages to pupils of the use of ICT

ICT can ...

- Improve pupil attainment.
- Enhance motivation and attitudes to learning.
- Increase the skills needed for independent learning and research.
- Improve learning support programmes.
- Offer opportunities to extend and enhance the quality of the curriculum.
- Assist, develop and/or improve teaching approaches.
- Offer a wide range of teaching and learning materials.
- Contribute to and extend a positive school ethos.
- Influence and shape the curriculum.
- Extend teacher's professional skills.

Why is there a need to have an Internet policy?

The Internet was designed for and is managed for adults. Therefore, children have to be protected from accessing unsuitable/undesirable materials. The policy will support the school in its educational aims and ensure that responsibilities to pupils are met within safe and secure boundaries.

In this school pupils will develop ICT skills as part of a broad and balanced curriculum and will use the Internet as part of that development. The measures which will be in place to protect children from accessing unsuitable materials will be as follows ...

- All Internet access will comply with Council policy.
- Users will be protected by software which prevents access to dubious sites.
- All access will be authorised and monitored by a responsible adult.
- All pupils' work will be open to teacher scrutiny.
- Pupils will be taught rules of access.
- Pupils will be made aware of the risks.
- Pupils will have their own passwords in

Pupil responsibilities in Primary

In accessing the Internet pupils must ...

- Log on using their own password.
- Understand and accept that the school rules governing acceptable behaviour apply whilst using the Internet.
- Use the Internet only with the teacher's permission.
- Make available to the teacher all e-mails received or sent.
- Never send messages which could cause offence or upset to anyone.
- Never use bad language.
- Download from the Internet only with the permission of an appropriate member of staff.
- Never give personal information either in text form or in an image attached to a document or e-mail.
- Never arrange a meeting with anyone on the Internet. Report to the teacher anything which makes them uncomfortable.
- Report any breaches of rules.
- Never buy anything from the Internet in school.
- Never disclose a password.
- Always log off when work is completed.
- Understand that all access to the Internet including e-mails can be monitored.