

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*

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

