

Parent/Guardian ICT Acceptable Use Agreement

Digital technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people, both within schools and outside school. These technologies provide powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. They can stimulate discussion, promote creativity and stimulate awareness of context to promote effective learning. Young people should have an entitlement to safe internet at appropriate times.

This Acceptable Use Policy is intended to ensure:

- That young people will be responsible users and stay safe whilst using the internet and other communications technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.
- That school systems and users are protected as far as they can be from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.
- That parents and guardians are aware of the importance of e-safety and are involved in the education and guidance of young people with regard to their on-line behaviour.
- That parents and guardians are aware that if they are providing an internet enabled device for their children to be using on school premises (Smart Phone, Tablet, laptop etc) that, where possible, security settings should be set by parents/guardians to ensure inappropriate content cannot be accessed.
- That parents and guardians are aware that they should contact their internet and mobile device contract providers to enable the settings that prevent their children from accessing inappropriate material if these devices are to be used in school.

The school will endeavour to ensure that Stoics will have good access to digital technologies to enhance their learning and will, in return, expect Stoics to agree to be responsible users. A copy of the Pupil Acceptable Use Policy is attached to this permission form, so that parents & guardians are aware of the school expectations of the young people in their care.

Parents are requested to sign the permission form below to show their support of the school in this important aspect of the school's work. To avoid delays accessing network resources please return this form with your signed contract.

Permission Form

Parent / Guardian's Name Pupil Name

As the parent/guardian of the above named pupil, I give permission for my son/daughter to have access to the internet and to ICT systems at school.

I understand that my son / daughter will be asked to sign an Acceptable Use Agreement and has received, or will receive, ongoing e-safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of technology and the internet – both in and out of school.

I understand that the school will take every reasonable precaution, including monitoring and filtering systems, to ensure that young people will be safe when they use the internet and ICT systems. I also understand that the school cannot ultimately be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed on the internet and using mobile technologies.

I understand that my son's / daughter's activity on the ICT systems will be monitored and that the school will contact me if they have concerns about any serious breaches of the Acceptable Use Policy.

I will encourage my child to adopt safe use of the internet and digital technologies at home and will inform the school if I have concerns over my child's e-safety.

Signed Date