



Parent/Carers Acceptable Use Policy 2023

I have read and discussed the Acceptable Use Policy with the child in my care.

I know that the child in my care will receive digital (online) safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of technology and the internet, both in and out of school.

I am aware that any internet and computer use using school equipment is monitored for safety and security reasons and to safeguard both the child in my care and the schools systems. This monitoring will take place in accordance with data protection and human rights legislation.

I understand that the school will take all reasonable precautions to ensure that students cannot access inappropriate materials but I appreciate that this is a difficult task. I understand that the school cannot be held responsible for the content of materials accessed through the Internet and the school is not liable for any damages arising from use of the Internet facilities.

I understand that if the school has any concerns about the child in my care's safety online, either at school or at home, then I will be contacted.

I understand that if the child in my care does not abide by the school Acceptable Use Policy then sanctions will be applied in line with the schools behaviour and anti-bullying policy. If the school believes that my young person has committed a criminal offence then the Police will be contacted.

I, together with the child in my care, will support the school's approach to digital safety and will not deliberately upload or add any images, video, sounds or text that could upset, threaten the safety of or offend any member of the school community.

I know that I can speak to the school digital safety Coordinator, my young person's teacher or the Head Teacher if I have any concerns about digital safety.

I will visit the school website www.southlandsnt.org.uk/online-safety for more information about the school's approach to digital safety as well as to access useful links to support both myself and the child in my care in keeping safe online at home.

I will visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety

www.internetmatters.org www.saferinternet.org.uk and www.childnet.com for more information about keeping my young person safe online.

I will support the school the child in my care by sharing responsibility and role modelling safe and positive online behaviour for my and young person by discussing online safety with them when they access technology at home.

I have read the Parent/Carer Acceptable Use Policy

Child Name:

Parent/Carer Name:

Signature:

Date:

Note: Please be aware that if parents/carers refuse to sign and agree the AUP then this can cause issues as children will need to use the internet in order to access the curriculum.

Dear Parent/Carer

All pupils use computer facilities including Internet access as an essential part of learning, as required by the National Curriculum. The child in my care will have the opportunity to access a wide range of information and communication technology (ICT) resources.

This includes access to:

- Computers, laptops and other digital devices
- Internet
- School learning platform/intranet
- Email
- Games consoles and other games based technologies
- Digital cameras, web cams and video cameras

Southlands School' school recognises the essential and important contribution that technology plays in promoting young peoples' learning and development. However we also recognise there are potential risks involved when using online technology and therefore have developed online digital safety policies and procedures alongside the schools safeguarding measures.

The school takes responsibility for your young person's online safety very seriously and, as such, we ensure that pupils are educated about safe use of technology and take all reasonable precautions to ensure that they are as safe as possible when using school equipment. The school will take all reasonable precautions to ensure that students cannot access inappropriate materials but parents need to be aware that this is a difficult task and as such the school cannot be held responsible for the content of materials accessed through the internet and the school is not liable for any damages arising from use of the Internet facilities.

In order to support the school in developing your young person's knowledge and understanding about digital safety, we request that you read the attached Acceptable Use Policy with the child in your care, and that you and your young person discuss and return the attached slip. We understand that the child in your care may be unable to give informed consent on his/ her own; however, we feel it is good practice to involve them as much as possible in the decision making process, and believe a shared commitment is the most successful way to achieve this.

We request that all parents/carers support the schools approach to digital safety by role modelling safe and positive online behaviour for their young person and by discussing online safety with them whenever they access technology at home.

Parents/carers can visit the school website for more information about the school's approach to digital safety as well as to access useful links to support both you and your child in keeping safe online at home.

Parents/carers may also like to visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk, www.childnet.com, www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety, www.saferinternet.org.uk and www.internetmatters.org for more information about keeping children safe online.

Full details of the school's online safety policy are available on request. Hopefully, you will also find this Acceptable Use Policy provides you with an opportunity for conversations between you and your young about safe and appropriate use of the technology, both at school and at home.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact the school or myself.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher