

**ST. ATTRACTA'S JUNIOR NATIONAL SCHOOL  
MEADOWBROOK, DUBLIN 16**

**ACCEPTABLE INTERNET  
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## 2016/2017

### School's Strategy

The school employs a number of strategies in order to maximise learning opportunities and reduce risks associated with the Internet. Within school, these strategies are as follows:

### General

- Internet sessions will always be supervised by a teacher.
- Filtering software and/or equivalent systems will be used in order to minimise the risk of exposure to inappropriate material.
- Even though teacher supervision and filtering software will always be present, parents should accept that no system can ever be 100% secure.
- The school will regularly monitor pupils' Internet usage.
- Teachers will be provided with training in the area of Internet safety.  
[www.webwise.ie](http://www.webwise.ie)    [www.ncte.ie](http://www.ncte.ie), [www.saferinternet.org/ww/en/pub/insafe](http://www.saferinternet.org/ww/en/pub/insafe) .
- Uploading and downloading of non-approved software will not be permitted.
- Virus protection software will be used and updated on a regular basis.
- Students will observe good "netiquette" (i.e., etiquette on the Internet) at all times and will not undertake any actions that may bring the school into disrepute.
- Under no circumstances are children permitted to use photos of other children or any school personnel on social networking sites.

### World Wide Web

- Students will use the Internet for educational purposes only.
- Students will be familiar with copyright issues relating to online learning.
- Students will never disclose or publicise personal information.
- Students will be aware that any usage, including distributing or receiving information, school-related or personal, may be monitored for unusual activity, security and/or network management reasons.
- Students will not visit Internet sites that contain obscene, illegal, hateful or otherwise objectionable materials.

### Email

- Students will use approved class email accounts under supervision by or permission from a teacher for educational projects, e.g. eTwinning.
- Students will not send or receive any material that is illegal, obscene, defamatory or that is intended to annoy or intimidate another person.

- Students will not reveal their own or other people's personal details, such as addresses or telephone numbers or pictures.
- Students will never arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone they only know through emails or the Internet.
- Students will note that sending and receiving email attachments is subject to permission from their teacher.

### **School Website**

- Pupils will be given the opportunity to publish projects, artwork or schoolwork on the school website.
- The publication of student work will be co-ordinated and supervised by a teacher.

### **Legislation**

Parents are asked to familiarise themselves with the following legislation relating to use of the Internet which teachers, students and parents should familiarise themselves with:

- Data Protection (Amendment) Act 2003
- Child Trafficking and Pornography Act 1998
- Interception Act 1993
- Video Recordings Act 1989
- The Data Protection Act 1988

### **Support Structures**

The school will inform students and parents of key support structures and organisations that deal with illegal material or harmful use of the Internet. [www.hotline.ie](http://www.hotline.ie) .

### **Sanctions**

Misuse of the Internet will result in withdrawal of access privileges. The school also reserves the right to report any illegal activities to the appropriate authorities.

### **What Next . . ?**

Please retain the first part of the AUP policy document for future reference.

**Complete and sign the second part (overleaf) where appropriate and return it to the teacher by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017.**

Failure to return the completed 'Permission Form' will result in the loss of online educational activities.



**Acceptable Use Policy**  
**Permission Form**  
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Please review the attached school Internet Acceptable Use Policy, sign and return this permission form to the class teacher by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017.

Pupil: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pupil**

I agree to follow the school's Acceptable Internet Use Policy on the use of the Internet. I will use the Internet in a responsible way and obey all the rules explained to me by my class teacher.

Pupil's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**A parent/guardian can sign his/her name on behalf of a Junior/ Senior Infants pupil.**

**Parent/Guardian**

As the parent or legal guardian of the above pupil, I have read the Acceptable Internet Use Policy and grant permission for my son or daughter or the child in my care to access the Internet. I understand that Internet access is intended for educational purposes. I also understand that every reasonable precaution has been taken by the school to provide for online safety but the school cannot be held responsible if pupils access unsuitable websites. *(Please tick as appropriate)*

I accept the above paragraph

I do not accept the above paragraph

In relation to the school website, I accept that, if the school considers it appropriate, my child's schoolwork may be chosen for inclusion on the website. I understand and accept the terms of the Acceptable Use Policy relating to publishing children's work on the school website. *(Please tick as appropriate)*

I accept the above paragraph

I do not accept the above paragraph

In relation to the school website, I accept that, if the school considers it appropriate, my child's photograph may be chosen for inclusion on the website. I understand and accept the terms of the Acceptable Use Policy relating to publishing children's work on the school website. *(Please tick as appropriate)*

I accept the above paragraph

I do not accept the above paragraph

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_