

Internet Use Policy

School Name: Castledrum NS

The aim of this Acceptable Use Policy is to ensure that pupils will benefit from learning opportunities offered by the school's Internet resources in a safe and effective manner. Internet use and access is considered a school resource and privilege. Therefore, if the school AUP is not adhered to this privilege will be withdrawn and appropriate sanctions – as outlined in the AUP – will be imposed.

It is envisaged that school and parent representatives will revise the AUP annually. Before signing, the AUP should be read carefully to ensure that the conditions of use are accepted and understood.

This version of the AUP was compiled by the Board of Management and Teachers

School's Strategy

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

General

- Internet sessions will always be supervised by a teacher.
- K9 Filtering software is used which will minimise the risk of exposure to inappropriate material.
- Pupils will treat others with respect and observe good 'netiquette' (ie etiquette on the Internet) at all times and will not undertake any actions that will bring the school into disrepute
- The school will regularly monitor pupils' Internet usage.
- Uploading and downloading of non-approved software will not be permitted.
- Virus protection software will be used and updated on a regular basis.
- The use of personal memory sticks, CD-ROMs, or other digital storage media in school requires a teacher's permission.
- Pupils will use the Internet for educational purposes only
- We have opted for Internet Content Filtering Programme A which will reduce the risk of accessing inappropriate material

Sanctions

Misuse of the Internet may result in disciplinary action, including written warnings, withdrawal of access privileges and, in extreme cases, suspension or expulsion. The school also reserves the right to report any illegal activities to the appropriate authorities.

Signed: _____

Donal Ághas - Chairperson, Board of Management

Máire de Priondargás – Príomhoide

Date: _____

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Permission Form Template

Please review the attached school Internet Acceptable Use Policy, sign and return this permission form to the Principal.

Name of Pupil: _____

Class: _____

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Pupil

I agree to follow the school's Acceptable 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 the school.

Pupil's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Pupil's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Pupil's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____ **Telephone:** _____
