



Parent/Carer Acceptable Use Policy Agreement

New technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people in today's society, both within schools and in their lives outside school. The internet and other digital information and communications technologies are powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. These technologies can stimulate discussion and awareness of context to promote creativity and effective learning. Young people should have an entitlement to safe internet access at all times.

This Acceptable Use Policy is intended to ensure:

- that young people will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other communications technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.
- that school ICT systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.
- that parents and carers are aware of the importance of eSafety and are involved in the education and guidance of young people with regard to their online behaviour.

The school will try to ensure that *children* will have good access to ICT to enhance their learning and will, in return, expect the children to agree to be responsible users. A copy of the Child/ Pupil Acceptable Use Policy is attached to this permission form, so that parents/carers will be 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.

Permission Form

Parent/carers Name

Child's Name

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

I know that my son/daughter has signed an Acceptable Use Agreement and has received, or will receive, eSafety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of ICT - both in and out of school.

When using a school resources such as the learning platform at home, I understand that it is my responsibility to supervise my child when using the internet at home or out of school hours. I will discuss eSafety regularly with my child.

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 possible 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 eSafety.

Signed

Date



Use of Digital/Video Images taken in school by members of staff

The use of digital/video images plays an important part in learning activities. Children and members of staff may use digital cameras to record evidence of activities in lessons and during school trips and events. These images may then be used in presentations in subsequent lessons.

Images may also be used to celebrate success through their publication in newsletters, on the school website and occasionally in the public media,

The school will comply with the Data Protection Act and request parents/carers permission before taking images of members of the school. We will also ensure that when images are published that the young people can not be identified by the use of their names.

Parents are requested to sign the permission form below to allow the school to take and use images of their children.

Permission Form

Parent/carer Name

I AGREE/DO NOT AGREE* that my child's photograph or video clip may be taken on a school digital camera or camcorder and used during lesson feedback and work.

Parent/Carers signature

Child's Name

I DO/DO NOT* give permission for my child's photograph to be used on the school website and school Facebook Page.

Parent/Carers signature

Child's Name

*** Delete as Appropriate**



Use of Digital/Video images taken by you at school events

Some schools have taken the decision to prohibit the taking of photographs or video recordings at school events and performances. At Gorse Covert, we would like to continue giving parents the option of recording or photographing their child at school events. However, some parents do not wish their child's picture to appear on published internet sites, such as social networking sites (Facebook is an example of this), video sharing sites (Youtube is an example of this) or blogs.

We therefore request that if you are taking pictures of your child at school events or performances, you respect other parents' wishes by not uploading pictures of other children onto such sites, without the permission of those parents. We ask that you also inform other family members e.g grandparents of this agreement.

Photograph clouds such as icloud are not sites which are open for public viewing and therefore uploading pictures onto such sites would not breach safeguarding requests, providing the site is only used to store and not distribute pictures.

Non school events held on school property, such as scouting events, do not apply within this policy. Each organisation should have their own agreements about the taking of photographs.

By signing this form, you are agreeing to respect the wishes of other parents by not publishing pictures or videos of children, other than your own, without their permission.

If parents do not sign this form, they will be asked not to take pictures or video recordings at school events and performances.

Parent/Carer's Name

Child's Name

Signed

Date