

Parent / Carer 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 access at all times.

This ICT Acceptable Use Agreement is intended to ensure:

- All young people will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other communication technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.
- Academy ICT systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.
- Personal data of pupils, parents, staff and governors is kept secure
- Parents and carers are aware of the importance of Online Safety and are involved in the education and guidance of young people with regard to their online behaviour.

Corsham Regis Primary Academy will try to ensure that children 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 Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement is attached to this permission form, so that parents/carers will be aware of the academy's expectations of the young people in their care.

Parents are requested to sign the permission form below, to show their support of the academy in this important aspect of its work.

As the parent/carer of the pupil/s, I give permission for my child/children to have access to the internet and to ICT systems in school.

I know that my child/children has/have signed an Acceptable Use Agreement and has/have received, or will receive, Online Safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of ICT both in and out of school.

I understand that the academy will take every reasonable precaution, including monitoring any filtering systems, to ensure that young people will be safe when they use the internet or ICT systems. I also understand that the academy 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 academy will contact me if they have any 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 academy if I have concerns over my child's online safety or activity.

I understand that Corsham Regis Primary Academy accepts no liability in respect of any loss/damage to personal ICT devices while at school or in transit. The decision to bring a personal ICT device into school rests with the pupil and the parent/carer, as does the liability for any loss/damage that may result from the use of a personal ICT device in school.

Use of Digital / Video Images

The use of digital / video images plays an important part in learning activities. Pupils and members of staff may use digital cameras to record evidence of activities in lessons and out of school. 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 academy will comply with the Data Protection Act and request parents / carers permission before taking images of members of the academy. We will also ensure that when images are published that the young people cannot be identified by the use of their names.

In accordance with guidance from the Information Commissioner's Office, parents / carers are welcome to take videos and digital images of their children at school events for their own personal use (as such use is not covered by the Data Protection Act) unless specifically asked not to, ie during our Someone Special Days. To respect everyone's privacy and in some cases protection, these images should not be published / made publicly available on social networking sites, nor should parents / carers comment on any activities involving other pupils in the digital / video images.

Parents / carers are requested to sign the permission form below to allow the school to take and use images of their children and for the parents / carers to agree

Please complete and return this slip to Mrs Hunt in the main office.

Thank you

Mr Gareth Spicer

Headteacher

As the parent / carer of the above pupil, I agree to the academy taking and using digital / video images of my child / children. I understand that the images will only be used to support learning activities or in publicity that reasonably celebrates success and promotes the work of the school.

I agree that if I take digital or video images at, or of, – academy events which include images of children, other than my own, I will abide by these guidelines in my use of these images.

I have read and understood the Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement for my son/daughter and agree to support it.

Name of pupil:

Name of parent(s):

Signed:

Date: