

Internet Policy

Acceptable Internet Use Statement

For Southampton City Schools

The internet is accessible from schools for the use of staff to enhance their professional activities including teaching, research, administration and management and for use by pupils as an effective aid to learning. The Internet is also useful for communicating with others via e-mail and for transferring files electronically. However, use of the Internet carries a number of risks. An acceptable use policy is designed to manage the risks arising from use of the Internet and to protect all parties and ICT systems involved.

Internet Use

- All Internet activity should be appropriate to staff's professional activity or the student's education.
- Internet activity that threatens the integrity or security of the school's ICT Systems, is activity that attacks, corrupts, or threatens the security of other organisations' systems, is prohibited.
- Copyrights, software licensing rules, laws of the land, property rights, privacy and the rights of others must be respected at all times.
- The Internet must not be used to access, display, store, transmit, distribute, edit or record inappropriate sites such as those containing pornographic, violent, racist, discriminatory, criminal skills related, illegal drugs related or offensive material.
- The Internet must not be used to download entertainment software or games, or play games against other Internet users.
- Uploading materials or files to City Council systems must only be performed on machines that have virus protection to the latest Corporate Standards.
- Downloading of files to school systems using e-mail and http must be carried out with an appropriate level of care and thought. Problems arising from the installation of files, utilities and software updates obtained by such methods are the school's responsibility unless directed to do so by representatives of the City Council or their agents. Virus infection caused by such methods on machines without protection to the latest Corporate Standards will be the school's responsibility.
- The Internet must not be used to engage in any activity for personal gain or personal business transactions.
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- The Internet must not be used to conduct or host any on-going Non-Education related activities, including discussion groups, chat lines, newsgroups or any other form of on-line club.
- The Internet must not be used for personal or commercial advertisements, solicitations or promotions.

INTERNET RULES

You are not allowed to:

- Play violent games
- Watch inappropriate clips on YouTube or any other site
- Listen to inappropriate songs
- Download anything without permission
- E-Mail without permission
- Use Chat Rooms or Facebook

These rules are for anytime you are using the computer; this includes free time at the end of a lesson, Golden Time, Lunch-time computer club and Homework Club.