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Acceptable Use Policy

As part of the school's use of ICT to support learning and as a consequence of the provision of broadband to schools, pupils will from time to time be offered supervised access to the internet. The aim of this Acceptable Use Policy is to ensure that pupils will benefit from learning opportunities offered by the school's internet resources and to ensure that pupils have a safe as well as an educational experience online. They will have the opportunity to access suitable web sites and search for information related to their learning. In common with other media (such as books, magazines, television and video), some material on the internet is inaccurate and unsuitable. However, we believe that the educational advantages of allowing the pupils supervised access outweigh any disadvantages. Be reassured that every reasonable precaution is being taken to provide for online safety.

The school will employ a number of strategies in order to provide the best learning opportunities and reduce risk associated with the internet. These strategies are as follows:

- Internet sessions will always be supervised by a teacher.
- All users will observe good "netiquette" (etiquette on the internet) at all times and will not undertake any actions that may bring themselves or their school into disrepute.
- The internet will be used for educational purposes only.
- Filtering software and/or equivalent systems will be used in order to minimise the risk of exposure to inappropriate material.
- Unauthorised uploading and downloading is strictly forbidden.
- Virus protection software will be used and updated on a regular basis.
- The use of personal disks in school requires the permission of a teacher.
- Internet sites that contain inappropriate content are forbidden.
- Pupils will not disclose or publicise personal information on the internet.
- Any usage - including distributing or receiving information - may be monitored for unusual activity, security and/or network management reasons.

School Website

You are welcome to visit our website at www.leighlin.net. Our school site is intended to provide pupils with the opportunity to publish their work for an audience including other pupils, parents, friends and relations, staff, members of the local community and others worldwide. **No personal details such as pupils' full names, home addresses, family information or photographs that identify individuals will be published.** The site is also intended to enable parents to access and download newsletters, booklists, forms etc.

Internet use and access is considered a school resource and privilege. If the school Acceptable Use Policy is not adhered to, this privilege will be withdrawn from the users concerned.

Thank you for taking the time to read this policy. We respect the wishes of parents and should you prefer that your child's work was not published on the school website please inform the Principal in writing.

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management on 28th March, 2006.