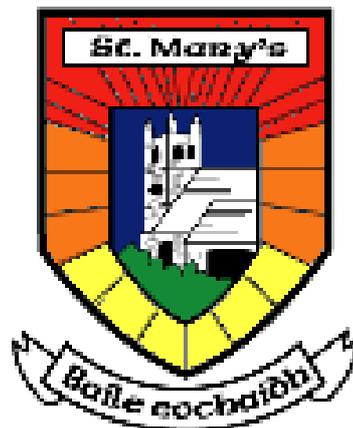


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The Internet

As part of the curriculum and the development of ICT skills, we provide supervised access to the Internet. We believe that the effective use of the World Wide Web and e-mail is worthwhile and is an essential skill for children as they grow up in the modern world we live in today.

Although there are concerns about children having access to undesirable materials, we have taken positive steps to reduce this risk in school. Our school internet provider operates a filtering system that restricts access to inappropriate materials. All children will be asked to only use the **search engine 'Google'** when conducting a **search** in school.

Whilst every endeavour is made to ensure that suitable restrictions are placed on the ability of children to access inappropriate materials, the school cannot be held responsible for the nature or content of materials accessed through the Internet. The rules overleaf are displayed in the computer suite and in all the classrooms and children will be reminded of them regularly.

Use of Webcams

A webcam is a camera connected to the internet. Webcams provide a continuous stream of live video, and are typically used for one-to-one conversation, video conferencing or broadcasting across the internet.

Using webcams in the classroom opens up a wide range of teaching and learning possibilities. Webcams can offer teachers effective ways of using ICT across the curriculum which engage children with technology in an interactive way. They allow children to see real time events, bring far-off places to life, and can inspire curiosity and imagination.

Webcams can facilitate collaboration between schools in different parts of the country, or the world, on a joint project. Children will only be using a webcam in school when an adult is present.

Rules for Responsible ICT and Internet Use at School 2012-2013

These rules will keep everyone safe and help us be fair to others.

- I will ask permission before using the Internet.
- I will only use my own network login and password.
- I will only look at or delete my own files.
- I understand that I must not bring software, C.D Roms or memory pens into school without my teacher's permission.
- I will only e-mail people I know, or my teacher has approved.
- The messages I send will be polite and sensible.
- I understand that I must never give my home address or phone number, or arrange to meet someone.
- I will ask permission before opening an e-mail or an e-mail attachment sent by someone I do not know.
- I will only use the search engine 'Google' when conducting a search on the internet at school.
- I will not use Internet chatrooms, instant messaging systems or social network sites.
- If I see anything I am unhappy with or if I receive messages I do not like, I will tell a teacher immediately.
- I understand that the school may check my computer files and the Internet sites I visit.
- I will only use the webcam when supervised by an adult.
- I will not bring personal ICT equipment into school or on school trips, including mobile phones, personal cameras, handheld computers, for example a Nintendo DS or a Nintendo DSi or Playstation Portable or similar devices. If these are brought into school, they will be removed and can only be collected by a parent from the school office.
- I understand that if I deliberately break these rules, I will not be allowed to use the Internet or computers for an agreed amount of time



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I have read and understand the ICT and Internet Acceptable Use Policy, and as the parent or legal guardian of the child/children listed below, I grant permission for him/her/them to use the internet, email and other ICT facilities at school.

I understand that the school will take reasonable precautions to ensure that children can not access inappropriate materials, including the teaching of internet safety skills, but accept that ultimately the school can not be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed through the Internet.

I accept responsibility for setting and conveying standards for my son or daughter to follow when selecting, sharing and exploring information and media, and acknowledge that they will be deemed to be accountable for their own actions.

Please list your child / children's name and class and sign below.

Signed by parent: _____

Date: _____