

Acceptable Use Agreement: Parents/Carers



Lowercroft Primary School

Policy first approved by Governors:
Review date:

Background and purpose

With access to rich dynamic content, connectivity across the globe, a platform for creativity and a place to engage in debate, digital technologies provide a powerful tool for learning. It is therefore essential that children are fully equipped to have the skills and knowledge to safely access and use digital technologies.

This Parent/Carer Acceptable Use Agreement is intended to help share the importance that the school places on keeping children safe with particular regard to online safety. It additionally intends to encourage parents/carers to be actively involved in their child's online safety education, including encouraging transparent behaviour, critical thinking and reporting.

The school will aim to provide every child with the best access it can to online technologies. Filtering, monitoring and alert systems will be in place to help protect children from unnecessary risks. The school will actively encourage children to think critically about content and communication from others and develop strategies for recognising inappropriate content/behaviours and how to deal with them. In return, the school expects the children to demonstrate that they are responsible users of digital technologies at all times.

We ask parents and carers to support us by:

- Sharing good online behaviours with your child.
- Emphasising the importance of the Acceptable Use Statements/School's rules your child has agreed to.
- Highlighting the importance of accessing only age-appropriate content and sites along with the pitfalls of social media.
- Explaining how to keep an appropriate digital footprint.
- Discussing what is and isn't appropriate to share online.
- Emphasising never to meet anyone online nor trust that everyone has good intentions.
- Reporting any concerns you have whether home or school based.
- Stressing the importance of knowing when your child is online and ensuring an open dialogue when they are.
- Stressing the importance that no one should ever be too ashamed or embarrassed to tell a trusted adult if they have seen/shared anything concerning or have had inappropriate online contact.
- Drawing up an agreement of online safety rules for outside of school that are applicable even when your child is at a friend's home.
- Avoiding posting or replying to any comments about the school to social media that may have a negative impact.
- **Where remote learning is live, parents must ensure that the Remote Learning Protocol is put in place (see below).**

ICT Permission Access



By signing below, you agree to allowing your child access to the school's internet and ICT systems. This also includes any educational subscription services.

You are also aware that your child has signed/agreed to the school's **Acceptable Use Agreement for pupils.**

The school aims to comply with GDPR regulations at all times and as such follows strict protocol about how we use personal data and keep it safe, including the information on this form. It is important that you refer to the school's data protection policy or contact the school if you have any questions about data.

Please complete and return to school

Your Child's Name:

Parent's/Carer's Signature:

Class

Online Safety Tips



Some ideas to help you create your Home Online Safety Rules...

Report any concerns you have whether home or school based

Explain how to keep an appropriate digital footprint

Avoid posting or replying to any comments about the school on social media that may have a negative impact

Any concerns or worries should be reported to the school in the first instance
Highlight the importance of accessing age-appropriate content and sites, along with the dangers of social media

Share good online behaviours with your child

Stress the importance of openness when being online and that no one should ever be too ashamed or embarrassed to tell a trusted adult if they have seen/shared anything concerning or have had inappropriate online contact

Emphasise the importance of the Acceptable Use Statements your child has agreed to

Discuss what is and isn't appropriate to share online

Draw up an agreement of online safety rules on the next page that are applicable even when your child is at a friend's house.

REMOTE LEARNING PROTOCOL

When live lessons are delivered remotely using Microsoft Teams please adhere to and support your child with the following:

- Knowledge of how to use the mute and hands up facility is known and can be used by you and/or your child. For the younger children you must support this.
- Unless your child is talking, the microphone should be on mute.
- Your child has a quiet place to work with little background noise.
- Your child, and other members of your household, are dressed.
- Other members of the household know and respect that the lesson is taking place remotely and allow the pupil to listen to the lesson and take part.

Have a look on <https://www.lowercroft.co.uk/staying-safe-online/> for more help.

Our Home Online Safety Rules

Creating good online behaviours

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