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Archbishop Cranmer C. of E. Primary Academy

Acceptable Use Agreement For Parents and Carers



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Background:

As part of the commitment to online safety and safeguarding, the school asks all parents, pupils and staff to adhere to their acceptable use agreements. This document sets out to promote safe and secure use of digital technologies both in school and at home. All pupils and staff are asked to sign a copy of their agreements as part of their school conduct agreement. This document does not require a signature but adherence to its guidelines is non-negotiable and expected.

The school takes online safety very seriously and promotes safe and secure use of digital technologies and the internet. Children receive regular lessons and assemblies about online safety and safeguarding children in general.

Safeguarding:

The school policy, as sanctioned by Governors and the decision of the Head Teacher, is that mobile phones and smart watches are not allowed in school for children. This decision is rooted in safeguarding concerns, as it mitigates the risk of primary-aged children making unsupervised contact with individuals outside of the school or accessing inappropriate content on the internet. Children will be reminded about this policy in assemblies, and the school appreciates parental support.

Internet and ICT Systems Usage:

Parents grant permission for their child to have access to ICT systems at school, including the Internet and email, in accordance with the school's policy for E-Safety and Acceptable Internet Use.

Support for Safe Technology Use:

Parents acknowledge the School's E-Safety and Anti-Bullying Policy and agree to support their child in understanding the importance of safe use of technology and the Internet, both in and out of school, and within the outlined practices.

Devices in School:

Where a parent feels it is necessary for their child to bring a mobile phone to school (e.g., for independent travel), the device should be switched off and handed to the office upon arrival. Phones/smart watches will be looked after throughout the school day and returned to the child at home time. Any loss or damage to the device is at the owner's risk.

Under no circumstances should children have access to their phone/smart watch during the school day, and devices are not to be left in pupils' bags or coats. Failure to comply with this policy will result in confiscation of the device, with parents informed and requested to collect it from the school.

An exception may be made for medical purposes, such as diabetes apps.

Digital Watches:

Digital watches that solely function as step counters are permitted, as they encourage physical activity. However, if a step-counting watch also includes features for photos and communication, children will be asked not to wear them or to hand them in to their teacher each day.

Tracking Devices on School Trips:

Apple AirTags or equivalent tracking devices should not be attached to pupils or belongings during school trips or residential trips. While tracking devices offer security benefits, their misuse for excessive surveillance over children is concerning. School trips and residential visits are risk-assessed and supervised by experienced staff to ensure the safety of all children. The school appreciates the trust and support of parents in providing these valuable out-of-school experiences for their children.