

1 ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY (AUP)

The aim of this Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) is to ensure that pupils will benefit from learning opportunities offered by the school's internet resources in a safe and effective manner. Internet use and access is considered a school resource and privilege. Therefore, if the school AUP is not adhered to this privilege will be withdrawn and appropriate sanctions will be imposed.

1.1 LEGISLATION

The following legislation is relevant to this policy:

- Data Protection (Amendment) Act 2003
- Child Trafficking and Pornography Act 1998
- Interception Act 1993
- Video Recordings Act 1989
- The Data Protection Act 1998

1.2 GENERAL

- Internet sessions will always be supervised by a teacher.
- Filtering software and or equivalent systems will be used in order to minimise the risk of exposure to inappropriate material.
- The school may monitor pupils' internet usage at any time.
- Uploading and downloading of non-approved material is not permitted.
- Virus protection software will be updated on a regular basis.
- Students will observe good 'netiquette' (i.e. etiquette on the internet) at all times and will not undertake any action that may bring the school or others into disrepute.

1.3 WORLD WIDE WEB

- Students will not visit internet sites that contain obscene, illegal, hateful or otherwise objectionable materials.
- Students will use the internet for educational purposes only.
- Students will be familiar with copyright issues relating to online learning.
- Students will never disclose or publicise personal information.
- Students will be aware that any usage, including distributing or receiving information, school-related or personal, can be monitored for unusual activity, security and or network management reasons.

1.4 EMAIL

Currently students at KETNS do not have their own email accounts. They are not encouraged nor discouraged to own personal email accounts. Parents are reminded that it is their responsibility to manage and monitor their child's internet activity at home.

1.5 RATIFICATION AND REVIEW

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management of Kilcolgan Educate Together on the 26th April 2017 and will be reviewed as necessary.

Signed: _____

Kiran Sarma
Chairperson

1.6 INTERNET PERMISSION

As part of the school's education programme we offer pupils access to the internet. This access is guided by teachers and allows students access to a large array of online educational resources that we believe can enhance and support the learning experience.

However, access to and use of the internet requires responsibility on the part of the user and the school. These responsibilities are outlined in the school's Acceptable Use Policy. It is important that this is read carefully and that consent to use the internet or not to use the internet is given on enrolment to the school. Parents can change this consent at a later date if they wish,

Although the school takes active steps to promote safe use of the internet, it recognises the possibility that students may accidentally or deliberately access inappropriate or objectionable material.

The school respects each family's right to decide whether or not to allow their children access to the internet as defined by our Acceptable Use Policy.