

Heath Hayes Academy



Technology - Acceptable Usage for Parents and Carers

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Acceptable Use

As the parent or carer of a pupil at Heath Hayes Academy, I will sign in the school planner to enable my child to have access to the Internet, and other ICT facilities at school.

- I know that my child has signed an online safety agreement form and that this covers safe and appropriate use of internet enabled devices both in and out of school.
- I accept that ultimately the school cannot be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed through the Internet and mobile technologies, but I understand that the school will take every reasonable precaution to keep pupils safe and to prevent pupils from accessing inappropriate materials. These steps include using an educationally filtered service, restricted access email, employing appropriate teaching practice and teaching online safety skills to pupils.

- I understand that members of the school's staff can check my child's computer files, and the Internet sites that they visit and that if they have concerns about their online safety or e-behaviour that they may contact me.
- I will support the school by promoting safe and polite use of the Internet and digital technology at home and will inform the school if I have any concerns over my child's online safety or online behaviour.
- I understand that Heath Hayes Academy has a zero-tolerance policy with regard to cyber-bullying which applies both in and out of school. All incidents will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis in line with the school's Online safety, Anti-bullying and Child Protection policies. I understand that in some cases cyber-bullying may constitute a criminal offence under the Harassment Act 1997 and the Telecommunications Act 1984 and that in certain cases Heath Hayes Academy may seek the involvement of the Police or other outside agencies as appropriate.
- I agree to respect the privacy of the school community (children, staff, governors, other parents and any other stakeholders) when publishing material online, particularly where there may be issues of data and confidentiality.
- I agree not engage in online discussion on personal matters relating to members of the school community or the setting's activities in any negative context, and/or actions that may bring an individual, profession, or setting's reputation into disrepute.
- I will not take and then share photos and/ or videos of children at school events without permission from the school.
- I understand that this policy remains in place until my child leaves Heath Hayes Academy.

Digital Images, Website and Social Media Agreement:

International evidence states the greatest impact on a child's learning is the extent of parental engagement in their children's education. Here at Heath Hayes Academy, we use our website, social media and YouTube to explain our curriculum and classroom work to parents via web pages, blogs, direct tweets, posts and videos. We believe that the public nature of the work provides extra motivation for learners and in addition:

- Provides vital information to parents, empowering them to start a conversation with their child about their learning.
- Allows children to direct parents to their work showcased on the school communication sites.
- Provides teachers with a forum to publish work that children are proud of online thereby offering additional incentives.
- Gives the school the opportunity to demonstrate and model safe and respectful ways to use online media.

We believe that with social media becoming an increasing part of everyday life it is important to stress that all members of our community should take responsibility for their online presence, respecting the opinions and privacy of others and modelling good behaviour to our children. To comply with the Data Protection Act 1998, we need your permission before we can photograph or make recordings of your daughter / son. Please refer to the permissions in the front of your child's school planner. Please contact the school office if you DO NOT AGREE to give us permission to use your child's photos on the school's website and social media sites.