C.P.S. ACCEPTABLE INTERNET USE POLICY

Aim

To establish appropriate Codes of Practice re acceptable Internet use for staff, parents and students to follow, which enables all school community members to get the best from the Internet while protecting them from harm.

Implementation

1. The School undertakes a commitment to implement and uphold the CPS Technology Acceptable Use Agreement and to provide appropriate physical and financial resources to enable safe, educationally relevant access to the Internet for staff and students.

2. The School will endeavor to ensure that information published on the Internet by students or the School under the School's name meets legal requirements and standards of general practice within the community in relation to copyright and safety.

3. The School will use the most appropriate Internet service provider that enables effective management and monitoring of web access to minimise the risk of exposure to offensive or inappropriate material.

4. When accessing the Internet, staff and parents will endeavour to ensure that children are appropriately supervised and have clearly defined tasks and responsibilities.

5. Individual users of the School's computer network are responsible for their behaviour and communications over this network. **Teachers and parents should ensure students do not: -**

    - Give out personal details such as home addresses, telephone numbers, full names and credit card details
    - Give out log-in information or passwords
    - Reply to offensive or threatening messages via e-mail
    - Take up requests for 'real life' contact
    - Supply any identifying information when publishing photographs
    - Completely rely on information sourced from the Internet, as not all information on the World Wide Web is authoritative or correct
    - Attempt to access inappropriate websites

6. Staff will facilitate students accessing information via the Internet in support of, and to enrich the curriculum while taking into account the varied instructional needs, learning styles, abilities and developmental levels of students.

7. Although the school has in place steps to reduce risks accompanying Internet use, students may encounter electronic information resources, which have not been screened by educators for use by children. Therefore, prior parental / guardian approval is required for students to be able to access the school network. Parent should sign their child/children's "CPS Technology Acceptable Use Agreement" each year.

8. Prior to accessing the school's network, students will be required to sign a "CPS Technology Acceptable Use Agreement", which clearly outlines appropriate action for students to take in the advent of coming across unsuitable material.

9. Students, who fail to honour their "CPS Technology Acceptable Use Agreement", may incur the withdrawal of their access to the Internet and / or school network.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's regular review cycle.

| This policy was last ratified by School Council on | 17th May 2017 | |