



# Carr Infant School

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## Acceptable Internet Use Policy for Pupils

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# CARR INFANT SCHOOL ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The aim of this Acceptable Use Policy 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 Therefore, if the school AUP is not adhered to this privilege will be withdrawn and appropriate sanctions – as outlined in the AUP – will be imposed.

Before signing, the AUP should be read carefully to ensure that the conditions of use are accepted and understood. This version of the AUP was created on 1 April 2025

## School's Strategy

The school employs a number of strategies in order to maximise learning opportunities and reduce risks associated with the Internet. These strategies are as follows:

### 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 will regularly monitor pupils' Internet usage (daily update of concerning use)
- Pupils and teachers will be provided with training in the area of Internet safety.
- Uploading and downloading of non-approved software will not be permitted.
- Virus protection software will be used and updated on a regular basis.
- Pupils will treat others with respect at all times and will not undertake any actions that may bring the school into disrepute.

### Internet

- Pupils will not intentionally visit Internet sites that contain obscene, illegal, hateful or otherwise objectionable materials.
- Pupils will report accidental accessing of inappropriate materials in accordance with school procedures.
- Pupils will use the Internet for educational purposes only.
- Pupils will never disclose or publicise personal information.
- Downloading materials or images not relevant to their studies, is in direct breach of the school's acceptable use policy.
- Pupils will be aware that any usage, including distributing or receiving information, school-related or personal, may be monitored for unusual activity, security and/or network management reasons.

### Email

- Pupils will use approved class email accounts under supervision by or permission from a teacher.

- Pupils will not send or receive any material that is illegal, obscene, defamatory or that is intended to annoy or intimidate another person.
- Pupils will not reveal their own or other people's personal details, such as addresses or telephone numbers or pictures.
- Pupils will note that sending and receiving email attachments is subject to permission from their teacher.
- Pupils will only have access to chat rooms, discussion forums, messaging or other electronic communication that have been approved by the school.
- Usernames will be used to avoid disclosure of identity.

## **School Website and Social Media Sites**

- The website and social media sites will be regularly checked to ensure that there is no content that compromises the safety of pupils or staff.
- The publication of student work will be co-ordinated by a teacher.
- Content focusing on individual Pupils will not be published on the school website and social media sites without the parental permission.
- The school website and social media sites will avoid publishing the first name and last name of individuals in a photograph.

## **Sanctions**

Misuse of the Internet may result in disciplinary action, including written warnings, withdrawal of access privileges and, in extreme cases, suspension or exclusion. The school also reserves the right to report any illegal activities to the appropriate authorities.

## **Carr Infant School Permission Form (via Arbor)**

### **Child**

- I will be careful with the computers and make sure my hands are clean before using them.
- I will only tap or click on things that I have been shown or asked to look at.
- I will check with an adult before I click on something I haven't seen before.
- I will never give my name, address or phone number to anyone online.
- I will not share information about me or my family online.
- I will not share pictures online.
- If something makes me feel worried, I will talk to a trusted adult.

### **Parent/Carer**

As the parent or legal guardian of the above pupil, I have read the Acceptable Use Policy and grant permission for my son or daughter or the child in my care to access the Internet. I understand that Internet access is intended for educational purposes. I also understand that every reasonable precaution has been taken by the school to provide for online safety but the school cannot be held responsible if pupils access unsuitable websites.

(online acceptance)