

Internet Usage

Internet Usage Policy

The computer system in this school has been established for a limited educational purpose. The term educational purpose includes classroom activities, career development, and limited high-quality self-discovery activities such as project work and research.

The computer system has not been established as a public access service or a public forum. The school has the right to place reasonable restrictions on the material you access or post through the system. You are also expected to follow the rules set forth in your disciplinary code and the law in your use of the school computer system.

You may not use the computer system for commercial purposes. This means you may not offer, provide, or purchase products or services through the computer system.

This AUP will be amended from time to time as is deemed necessary by the school. A copy will be amended from time to time as is deemed necessary by the school. A copy will be made available to all new students (teachers). The current policy will be available to all in the school. It is the student's responsibility to ensure familiarity with the current AUP.

Unacceptable Uses

The following uses of the school computer system are considered unacceptable:

1. Personal Safety

- You will not post personal contact information about yourself or other people.
- Personal contact information includes your address, telephone, school address, work address, etc.
- You will not agree to meet with someone you have met online.
- You will not sign a guest book on a web page on behalf of Cnoc Mhuire
- You will promptly disclose to your teacher or another teacher, or the Principal or the Deputy Principal, any message you receive that is inappropriate or makes you feel uncomfortable.

2. Illegal Activities

- You will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to the computer system or to any other computer system through the school computer system or go beyond your authorized access. This includes attempting to log in through another person's account or access his/her personal files. These actions are illegal even if only for the purposes of browsing.
- You will not make deliberate attempts to disrupt the computer system or destroy data by spreading computer viruses or by any other means. These actions are illegal.
- You will not use the computer system to engage in any other illegal act.

3. System Security

- You are responsible for your individual account and should take all reasonable precautions to prevent others from being able to use your account. Under no conditions should you provide your password to another person.

4. Inappropriate Language

- Restrictions in the use of inappropriate language apply to public messages, private messages, and material posted on Web pages.
- You will not use obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, threatening or disrespectful language.
- You will not post information that could cause damage or a danger of disruption.
- You will not engage in personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks.
- You will not harass another person. Harassment is persistently acting in a manner that distresses or annoys another person.
- You will not knowingly or recklessly post false or defamatory information about a person or organisation.

5. Respect for Privacy.

- You will not repost a message that was sent to you privately without permission of the person who sent you the message.
- You will not post private information about another person.

6. Respecting Resource Limits.

- You will use the system only for educational and career development activities.
- You will not download large files unless absolutely necessary. If necessary, you will download the file at a time when the system is not being heavily used.
- You will not post chain letters or engage in spamming. Spamming is sending an annoying or unnecessary message to a large number of people.
- You will subscribe only to high quality discussion group mail lists that are relevant to your education or career development.

7. Plagiarism and Copyright Infringement

- You will not plagiarize works that you find on the Internet. Plagiarism is taking the ideas or writings of others and presenting them as if they were yours.
- You will respect the rights of copyright owners. Copyright infringement occurs when you
- inappropriately reproduce a work that is protected by a copyright. If a work contains language that specifies appropriate use of that work, you should follow the expressed requirements. If you are unsure whether or not you can use a work, you should request

permission from the copyright owner. Copyright law can be very confusing. If you have questions ask a teacher.

8. Inappropriate Access to Material.

- You will not use the computer system to access material that is profane or obscene (pornography) or that advocates illegal acts, or that advocates violence or discrimination towards other people.
- If you mistakenly access inappropriate information, you should immediately tell your teacher (or disclose this access in the manner specified by your school). This will protect you against a claim that you have intentionally violated this policy.
- Your parents/guardians should instruct you if there is additional material that they think it would be inappropriate for you to access. The school fully expects that you will follow your parents/guardian's instructions in this matter.

9. Inappropriate Use

- The use of the network for commercial purposes is forbidden.