



IT Acceptable Use, Email and E-Safety Statement

Our commitment

Before using ICT equipment in any school of the Avonreach Academy Trust, all pupils and staff must accept the terms of their respective IT use policy. Acceptance of the policy will be recorded each time the user logs on to the network. Safeguarding applies directly to the acceptable use of ICT equipment in order that the school is not compromised in any way as a result of inappropriate materials being accessed or downloaded. In the words of the DfES strategy (2005): *“The Internet and related technologies are powerful tools, which open up new prospects for communication and collaboration. Education is embracing these new technologies as they bring with them fresh opportunities for both teachers and learners. To use these technologies effectively requires an awareness of the benefits and risks, the development of new skills, and an understanding of their appropriate and effective use both in and outside of the classroom.”*

The policies apply to all pupils, staff and visitors to the schools who are provided with access to the school's ICT network. Avonreach Academy Trust fully recognises its responsibilities for safeguarding children. Significant educational benefits result from curriculum ICT use including access to information from around the world and the abilities to communicate widely and to publish easily. Curriculum ICT use should be planned, task-orientated and educational within a regulated and managed environment. The purpose of internet use in school is to raise educational standards, to promote student achievement, to support the professional work of staff and to enhance the management information and business administration systems of each school in the Trust. Internet use is a part of the statutory curriculum and a necessary tool for staff and students.

The Trust and its employees also have a legal duty to comply with the requirements of the Data Protection Act. Anyone processing personal data must comply with the eight enforceable principles of good practice. All instances or suspected instances of security breach or misuse of records must be reported directly to the headteacher of the relevant school.

Full school policies are to be found on the following websites:

<http://firstschool.cherryorchardpershire.co.uk/policies/>

<http://www.inkberrowfirst.worcs.sch.uk/parents/policies>

<http://www.nortonfirst.worcs.sch.uk/policies/>

<http://www.pershore.worcs.sch.uk/policies/>