

COOLE NATIONAL SCHOOL



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INTERNET AND IMAGERY ACCEPTABLE USAGE POLICY

It is important that this document is read carefully, and the last page is signed by parent/guardian and returned to the school.

Internet Usage:

As part of the school's education programme, in particular with regard to our interactive whiteboards, we offer pupils supervised access to the internet. This allows pupil's access to a large array of online educational resources that we believe can greatly enhance pupils learning experience.

However, access to and the use of the internet requires responsivity on the part of the user and the school. These responsibilities are outlined in the school's **Internet and Imagery Acceptable Usage Policy**.

Although the school takes active steps to promote safe use of the internet, it recognises the possibility that students may accidentally or deliberately access inappropriate or objectionable material.

The school respects each family's right to decide whether or not to allow their child/children access to the internet as defined by the school's **Internet and Imagery Acceptable Usage Policy**.

Having read the terms of our school's Policy, you may like to take a moment to consider how the internet is used in your own home, and see if there is any way you could make it safer for your family.

Website Usage:

I am ever conscious of child protection in relation to digital imagery and wish to address this issue in relation to the school website.

- All publication of student work will be coordinated by a teacher.
- Pupil's work will appear in an educational context on the school website pages.
- The school will endeavour to use digital photographs, audio and video clips focusing on group activities. Content focusing on individual students will not be published on the school website without this parent permission.
- Personal pupil information including home address and contact details will be omitted from the school web pages.
- The school website will not publish the Christian or surnames of individuals with photograph.
- Attached please find a permission form regarding the usage of both the internet & digital imagery. All parents/guardians are asked to please read carefully and return to the school.

Review:

In December 2013 this policy will be reviewed by the Board of the Management and every two years thereafter.

A copy of the **Internet and Imagery Acceptable Usage Policy** will be provided on enrolment. The pupils and his/her parents/guardians/carers must read it carefully and sign in the space provided to indicate their acceptance of the **Internet and Imagery Acceptable Usage Policy**. Copies of this policy will be available from the school on request on our website www.coolens.ie/policies/

This policy will be presented to the Board of Management for ratification in December 2011. This policy will apply from December 2011 and a signed acceptance of the terms and conditions of this policy will be prerequisite to enrolment.

Ratified by Board of Management on:

Date: 30/01/2012

Signed: P. F. Gannon

Chairperson Board of Management.

Coole N.S. Internet and Digital Imagery Acceptable Usage Permission Form

(This form must be signed and returned to the school)

I/We have read the attached school **Internet and Digital Imagery Acceptable Usage Policy**.

Pupil's name: _____ Parent's name: _____

Class: _____

Pupil Agreement:

I agree to follow the school's **Internet and Imagery Acceptable Usage Policy** on the use of the Internet and Digital Imagery. I will act in a responsible way and obey all the rules explained to me by the school.

Pupil's signature or Parent/Guardian on behalf of Pupil: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Agreement - Internet

As the parent or legal guardian of the above pupil, I have read the **Internet and Imagery Acceptable Usage Policy** and grant permission for my son/daughter or the child in my care to have access to 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.

☐ I accept the above paragraph

☐ I do not accept the above paragraph

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Agreement - Digital Images

☐ I grant permission for digital images of my child's activities to be used on Coole N.S. website.

☐ I do not grant permission for digital images of my child's activities to be used on Coole N.S. website.

Parents signature: _____

Date: _____