

INTERNET POLICY

ADVICE FOR PARENTS

- a. While in school, teachers will guide pupils toward appropriate materials on the Internet, using the website NINE Connect. Outside school, parents or guardians bear the same responsibility for such guidance as they would normally exercise with information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio and other media.
- b. Appropriate home use of the Internet by children can be educationally beneficial, and can make a useful contribution to home and school work. It should, however, be supervised, and parents should be aware that they are responsible for their children's use of Internet resources at home.
- c. In school we provide filtered and monitored access to the Internet as outlined by DENI for pupils, and consider drawing to their attention appropriate guidance and advice on its use which they might find helpful at home.
- d. The following guidance and advice may prove useful:
 - parents should discuss with their children the rules for using the Internet and decide together when, how long, and what comprises appropriate use;
 - parents should get to know the sites their children visit, and talk to them about what they are learning;
 - parents should ensure that they give their agreement before their children give out personal identifying information in any electronic communication on the Internet, such as a picture, an address, a phone number, the school name, or financial information such as credit card or bank details. In this way they can protect their children (and themselves) from unwanted or unacceptable overtures from strangers, from unplanned expenditure and from fraud;
 - parents should encourage their children not to respond to any unwelcome, unpleasant or abusive messages, and to tell them if they receive any such messages or images. If the message come from an Internet service connection provided by the school or by NINE Connect, they should immediately inform the school.

A complete policy on use of the Internet in our school is available to view on request.