

IT Acceptable Use Policy - Parent Consent

Policy Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

This policy is effective for all schools within The Mead Educational Trust, the Teaching School, the SCITT and all other activities under the control of the Trust and reporting to the Trust Board. Employees not based in a school should substitute 'Principal' with CEO or appropriate representative.

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1.0	January 2023	GSM	New policy/removal from Online Safety policy appendix
1.1	January 2024	GSM	Academy references changed to school. Clarification on photo/media usage.

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1 Acceptable Use Policy – Parent Consent

Parents are sent the details of the policy, no signature is required

Internet and ICT: As the parent or legal guardian of the pupil(s) named below, I grant permission for the school to give my *daughter / son* access to:

- the internet at the school;
- the school's chosen email system;
- the school's online learning environments;
- ICT facilities and equipment at the school.

I accept that ultimately the school cannot be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed through the Internet and mobile technologies, but I understand that the school takes every reasonable precaution to keep pupils safe and to prevent pupils from accessing inappropriate materials.

I understand that the school can, if necessary, check my child's computer files and the Internet sites they visit at school and if there are concerns about my child's e-safety or e-behaviour they will contact me.

Use of digital images, photography and video: I understand the school has a clear policy on "The use of digital images and video" (see below) and I support this.

I understand that the school will necessarily use photographs of my child or include them in video material to support learning activities.

I accept that the school may use photographs / video that includes my child in publicity that reasonably promotes the work of the school, and for no other purpose, as long as I (or my child if they are aged 12 or over) have given explicit consent for this via the school's Pupil Consent Form.

I will not take and then share online, photographs of other children (or staff) at school events without permission.

Social networking and media sites: I understand that the school has a clear policy on "The use of social networking and media sites" (see below) and I support this.

I understand that the school takes any inappropriate behaviour seriously and will respond to observed or reported inappropriate or unsafe behaviour.

I will support the school by promoting safe use of the Internet and digital technology at home. I will inform the school if I have any concerns.

2 Review of policy

2.1 This policy is reviewed as required by the Trust. We will monitor the application and outcomes of this policy to ensure it is working effectively.
