

Online Safety Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for: PARENTS

What am I agreeing to?

1. I understand that Ridgeway Primary School uses technology as part of the daily life of the school when it is appropriate to support teaching & learning and the smooth running of the school, and to help prepare the children and young people in our care for their future lives.
2. I understand that the school takes every reasonable precaution to keep pupils safe and to prevent pupils from accessing inappropriate materials, including behaviour policies and agreements, physical and technical monitoring, education and support and web filtering. However, the school cannot be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed through the internet and mobile technologies, which can sometimes be upsetting.
3. I will promote positive online safety and model safe, responsible and positive behaviours in my own use of technology, including on social media: not sharing other's images or details without permission and refraining from posting negative, threatening or violent comments about others, including the school staff, volunteers, governors, contractors, pupils or other parents/carers.
4. The impact of social media use is often felt strongly in schools, which is why we expect certain behaviours from pupils when using social media. I will support the school's online safety policy and not encourage my child to join any platform where they are below the minimum age.
5. I will follow the school's Online Safety Policy, which outlines when I can capture and/or share images/videos. I will not share images of other people's children on social media and understand that there may be cultural or legal reasons why this would be inappropriate or even dangerous. The school sometimes uses images/video of my child for internal purposes such as recording attainment, but it will only do so if I have given my consent on the 'Parental/Carer consent for the use of pupil information and photographic images' form.
6. I understand that for my child to grow up safe online, s/he will need positive input from school and home, so I will talk to my child about online safety.
7. I understand that I can apply child safety settings to my home internet. [Internet Matters](#) provides guides to help parents do this easily for all the main internet service providers in the UK.
8. I understand that it can be hard to stop using technology sometimes, and I will talk about this to my children, so they can maintain a healthy attitude to the use of technology. (The principles of the Digital 5 A Day are a useful guide: childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/our-work/digital/5-a-day/)
9. I understand and support the commitments made by my child in the relevant Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) which s/he has signed, and I understand that s/he will be subject to sanctions if s/he does not follow these rules.
10. I can find out more about online safety at Ridgeway Primary School by reading the full Online Safety Policy [here](#) and can talk to the class teacher if I have any concerns about my child/ren's use of technology. If I have any concerns about the online safety of others in the community, or if I have questions about online safety or technology use in school, I should talk to the online safety lead or a Designated Safeguarding Officer.

I/we have read, understood and agreed to this policy.

Signature/s:

Name/s of parent / guardian:

Parent / guardian of:

Date:
