

Parental Acceptable Use Agreement

As the parent/carer of _____

- I understand that St Margaret's CE Academy 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 for their future lives.
- 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.
- I understand that internet and device use in school, and use of school-owned devices, networks and cloud platforms out of school may be subject to filtering and monitoring. These should be used in the same manner as when in school, **including during any remote learning periods.**
- 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.
- 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 social media policy and not encourage my child to join any platform where they are below the minimum age.
- I will follow the school's digital images and video policy, (available on the website) which outlines when I can capture and/or share images/videos
- I understand that for my child to grow up safe online, positive input is needed from school and home, so I will talk to my child about online safety.
- If my child has online tuition for catchup purposes after lockdown or in general, I will undertake necessary checks where I have arranged this privately to ensure they are registered/safe and reliable, and for any tuition, I will remain in the room where possible, and ensure my child knows that tutors should not arrange new sessions or online chats directly with them.
- I understand that whilst home networks are much less secure than school ones, 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. There are also child-safe search engines e.g. swiggle.org.uk and YouTube Kids is an alternative to YouTube with age appropriate content.

- I understand that it can be hard to stop using technology sometimes, and I will talk about this to my children, and refer to the principles of the Digital 5 A Day: childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/our-work/digital/5-a-day/
- I understand and support the commitments made by my child in the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) which s/he has signed, and which can be seen on the school website and I understand that s/he will be subject to sanctions if s/he does not follow these rules.
- I can find out more about online safety at St. Margaret’s by reading the full E-Learning and Online Safety Policy on the school website. I understand that I can talk to school the Safeguarding Team (Details on website). Should I have any concerns about my child/ren’s use of technology, or about that of others in the community, or if I have questions about online safety or technology use in school.

Parent/Carer to sign below

Name (Print)

Parent/Carer of Form.....

Signed

Please note that this signature may be captured digitally via a MSForm.