Acceptable Use Policy for Parents

Introduction

The Internet is an essential element in 21st century life for education, business and social interaction. The school has a duty to provide pupils with quality Internet access as part of their learning experience. As partners in your child's learning both the school and parents have a responsibility to teach pupils what Internet use is acceptable and what is not. This agreement sets our clear expectations for Internet use and the measures that minimise the potential risks posed by technology.

The school will:

- Monitor system security through regular use and undertake specific checks fortnightly. They will also ensure that up-to-date virus protection is installed on every computer, as well as filtering software recommended by the the London Grid for Learning.

- Provide parents with their child's own individual usernames and passwords for the online tools web use at school. These must be kept secure.

- Only allow pupils to use an approved e-mail account on the school system where it is needed for learning. This will be restricted to in-school communication.

- Supervise any video sharing activities using Google Classroom.

- Not publish publicly pupils' personal information, including full-names, anywhere on the website.

- Ensure that photographs and videos of pupils are only used on the school website where the permissions have been sought and returned. Names will never accompany images unless further requests have been signed. This does not apply to our secure learning platforms.

- Always supervise pupils' use of the Internet.

- Post online safety rules on the website and throughout the school and ensure pupils are taught online safety throughout their time at Anson.

- Take all reasonable precautions to ensure that users access only appropriate material.

- Support parents to deal with any incidents that occur outside of school where their children are accessing age-appropriate content.

- Inform parents where incidents occur where children are using content that is not age-appropriate.

Parents are encouraged to:

- Respect the 'Acceptable Use Policy for Parents' as an active member of our school community.

- Support their child to access home learning using the online portals securely setup by the school.

- Ensure their Internet access is set up to be private and secure with filters in place to protect their child.

- Supervise their child when using the Internet, applications or websites when they are in Foundation Stage or Key Stage One.

- Monitor their Key Stage Two child to ensure safe and appropriate use of the Internet, applications or websites at home.

- Talk to their child regularly about their online activity.

- Ensure that their child does not bring a mobile phone into school if they are collecting them each day.

- Ensure that their child does not bring any technology into school which enables them to take photographs on the school premises.

- Understand that instances of inappropriate behaviour or content which happen outside of school are not the responsibility of the school. Where the school is asked to support with such incidents, the school will distinguish between incidents that happen in school and incidents that happen online and deal with them accordingly. All incidents will be handled with this AUP in mind.

- Know that if their child is using age-appropriate content the school will support them in dealing with any issues they may face.

- Understand that if their child is using content which is not age-appropriate the school will inform them and encourage them to block their child from using the content if they are acting inappropriately.

- Understand that inaction may result in an online incident being considered as safeguarding issue and may result in the school making a referral to Brent Social Services.